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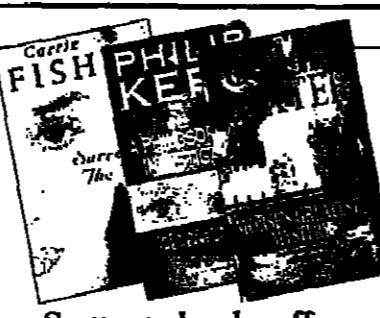
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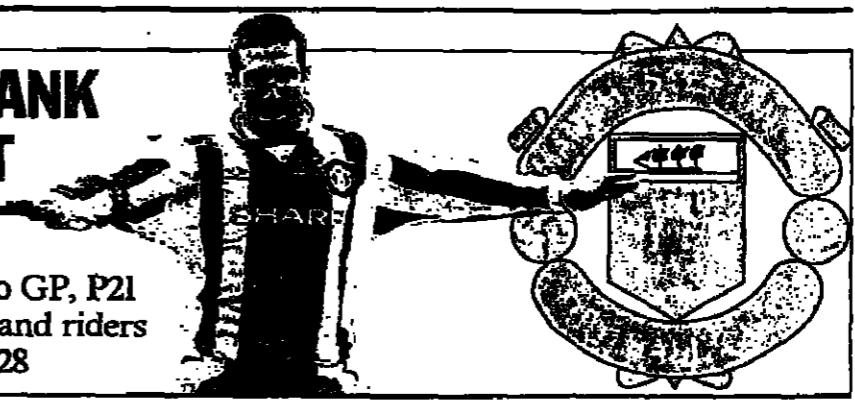
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Powers for forces will match MI5

Police gain right to bug and break in

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE will be able to enter private property and plant bugging devices against targeted criminals under legislation to be introduced by the Government in the autumn.

The aim is to put covert surveillance by the 43 police forces in England and Wales on a similar basis to MI5, which soon will be able to obtain warrants to break into houses and vehicles to plant bugs.

The Security Service Bill, which becomes law later this year, will give MI5 a new role that will have widespread implications for policing and raises questions about civil liberties and accountability.

Under the Bill, about to start its passage through the House of Lords and expected to be law by July, MI5 will be legally entitled, acting under power of a warrant from the Home Secretary, to break into homes, search them, copy documents, plant listening devices and cameras and leave without the owners being aware they are under surveillance.

Police have been carrying out similar operations for years against major criminals without any statutory permission. Although they have mounted operations on the authority of chief constables under guidelines laid down by the Home Secretary in 1984, which regulate the circumstances under which private homes can be secretly entered, they have no right to do so.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is preparing to introduce legislation in November in response to fears among senior police officers that if MI5 is the only organisation legally approved to plant hidden cameras and recording equipment, it might attempt to take over all bugging operations in England and Wales.

A number of proposals to satisfy the concerns of civil liberties organisations that the extent of covert surveillance is properly controlled, are being

discussed by police and the Home Office. They include requiring a warrant signed by the Home Secretary or requiring the police to seek permission from one or two judges who would hear the justifications in private.

Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, told *The Times*: "The police have argued for many years that there should be some legal framework. The police want to be totally accountable and seen to be operating to the highest standards of integrity."

The police have everything to gain and nothing to lose by a statutory framework."

Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said: "We are concerned that in the absence of any legislation, we have a twin-track system: one where MI5 has a

Margins of law

Police are being taught how to operate on the margins of the law and break in to plant bugs

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stated basis and one where the police do not." He said the absence of a legal basis to police operations in such a delicate area meant that "a big arm of law enforcement is operating without statute. It is a very important technique for us and we need it to be enshrined in law."

Police have been able to carry out covert break-ins because to enter a house without intent to steal or cause damage does not constitute burglary or a crime. They have, however, been exposed to a civil action for trespass.

The extent of an increasing trend to use bugging was highlighted in two recent cases. Detectives investigating the killing of Grant Price, an accountant, placed a listening device in the home of one of the two men suspected of his murder. They were convicted

SIFISO MAHLANGU yesterday arrived in Tsakane township, six miles east of Brakpan, near Johannesburg, sitting in the front seat of a car driven by his father, Charlie.

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woman who effectively adopted Sifiso at the age of 18 months and brought him to London at the age of six. Sifiso had arrived at Johannesburg International Airport yesterday morning after taking an overnight British Airways flight from London with Mrs Mahlangu. They dodged journalists waiting in the arrivals hall by slipping out of another exit.

Twenty-four hours earlier the boy had become distressed at Heathrow when about to leave and his departure had to be postponed. On Saturday night airport authorities, fearing a repeat performance, had the boy driven on to the tarmac four minutes before departure, with a police car as an escort. Captain Derek Gill, the pilot of BA07, said the child visited the cockpit during the flight and was well behaved throughout.

Yesterday in Tsakane, Mr Mahlangu spotted television crews outside his house and turned his car around and sped out of the township in the direction of Brakpan. He drove to a whitewashed bungalow with a neat lawn in a leafy suburb of the town. Sifiso, wearing a white T-shirt, black jeans and trainers, hurried into the house looking nervously about him before his father returned to speak to reporters. Mr Mahlangu spoke of his elation that his son had returned to South Africa. "Look what is on my

face," he said with a smile. Asked about the boy's unhappiness about returning to South Africa, he said the matter had not yet been discussed. He added: "I just met him and he was all right. He

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Arson is blamed after four children die in bed

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

FOUR children died yesterday in a suspected arson attack on their home in Southampton.

Murder detectives are investigating claims by the distraught mother that petrol had been poured through the letterbox and set alight at 2am as the family slept.

The dead were named last night as Terry Good, 12, his brother Patrick, 6, and sisters Alison, 10, and Nicola, 8. They were found in a rear bedroom of the semi-detached council house in Sullivan Road, Sholing, Southampton. Their older sister, Kelly, 14, is seriously ill in the burns unit at Oldstock Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire. Her mother Beverley and father Melvin are at her bedside.

Their oldest child, Andrea, 18, was with her boyfriend at the time of the fire and was told of the tragedy by police at 2am. She, too, is at her sister's bedside.

A Hampshire Police spokesman confirmed last night that they were treating the blaze as suspicious and appealed for sightings of a car or other vehicle pulling up near the house between midnight and 2am. But they refused to comment on neighbours' claims that Mrs Good suspected arson.

Melanie Gregory, 25, said: "Bev was screaming 'my kids, my kids, I can't save my kids. They poured petrol through my letterbox and set fire to it."

Forensic scientists and Hampshire Fire Service investigators searched the house to establish the cause of the fire.

Detective Superintendent Peter Neyroud, who is leading the investigation, said: "This is an appalling incident. The house is so badly damaged that we do not know at this stage what caused the fire or where the blaze began."

Children's cries, page 3

Zulu boy returns to life in township

FROM INIGO GILMORE
IN TSAKANE
AND JO BALE

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MPs face controls on free holidays

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs face tougher rules next month to curb the number of "freebie" holidays and overseas visits taken by themselves and their families. New Commons guidelines will force MPs to reveal more details of such trips if paid for by companies, charities or foreign governments.

There will also be stricter rules to stop an increasingly common trend among MPs of extending overseas conference trips into holidays. The moves, to be recommended by a Commons committee, will prevent MPs who have travelled at the expense of companies, governments or charities from initiating Commons debates concerning their hosts.

The new package of guidelines comes after changes introduced last year that reduced the opportunities for MPs to promote arguments on behalf of outside clients. Those changes, preventing "paid advocacy", were in response to Lord Nolan's demand for wideranging curbs on the

outside earnings of MPs. Although those checks cover MPs' contracts with companies, many MPs have complained about the confusion over travel and hospitality.

Now the Commons standards and privileges committee is preparing to clarify the rules on travel. One committee member said: "To some MPs, overseas travel at other people's expense is a way of life."

The changes will come in the wake of the publication tomorrow of the first register of MPs' interests to be compiled since the Nolan changes were introduced last November. The committee has resisted pressure from some MPs to raise the limit on the value of gifts that can be accepted without being declared. Although MPs claim that the £125 limit needs to be increased in line with inflation, possibly to £300, ministers have suggested that such a move would be politically dangerous.

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Fox demands tougher line against Europe

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR MARCUS FOX, chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, denounced pro-European Conservatives yesterday and called on the party to take a hardline stance against Brussels.

His comments came in spite of a warning from senior ministers that continued feuding in the party could open the door to the Labour Party. Sir Marcus joined the calls for unity but said there had to be a commitment to fighting European interference in Britain's beef industry. He said that

some members of the Tory Left were "so pro-Europe it's unbelievable". He added: "They must understand that we want to listen to them [but] at the end of the day they must accept the majority view of my colleagues in the 1922 who are supporters of John Major."

His remarks came days before John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister, is due to call for the party to adopt more radical policies over Europe to distance itself from Labour. Mr Redwood's

pamphlet *Actions not Words*, to be launched on Wednesday, will urge a tax-cutting programme and a tougher line against Brussels. It coincides with plans by Teresa Gorman, a Euro-sceptic Tory MP, to introduce a Commons Bill demanding a referendum on issues stretching beyond a single currency.

The new wave of right-wing pressure will fly in the face of calls from Tory ministers for unity after last week's local election rout in which the

Conservatives lost 567 council seats. As the Tory high command prepared a new offensive to focus attention on economic improvement, MPs were told to target Labour rather than open further internal divisions.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, emphasised the risk of defeat if the internal warfare continued. "What are Conservatives trying to achieve in giving the appearance of disunity within the Conservative Party? I

know what they're likely to achieve, and that is to open the door of No 10 Downing Street to Tony Blair."

He denounced those who would jeopardise the party's chances of winning the next election rather than compromise over the future of Europe. "That is political madness," he said, adding that it would be "lunacy" to let Mr Blair into power as he was more pro-European. Mr Heseltine also attacked Mrs Gorman's proposed referen-

dum Bill as "gesture politics".

The risk of further divisions was underlined by Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, the former Tory deputy chairman, who tried to stave off further backbench threats to the Prime Minister. "There appear to be one or two people who think what we are actually discussing is who will be leader after the election. I've got a message for them. The leader after the election will be John Major and he will be the Prime Minister and he will

have an even bigger majority if they get behind him."

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, said there had been real divisions in the party before last year's leadership election but the bitterness had disappeared. "Over the next 12 months increasingly you are going to see, within all the parties, people concentrating on the core messages of what the party is offering to the public, and people will be able to see the distinctions and differences between the parties."

William Rees-Mogg, and Peter Riddell, page 14

French firm aims to win a quarter of rail franchises

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A FRENCH rubbish-collection and street-cleaning company could be running a quarter of Britain's railway network within a year.

CGEA, a £1.3 billion a year "waste management" and transport group based in a Paris suburb, plans to become one of Britain's biggest train operators by winning up to five former British Rail passenger franchises.

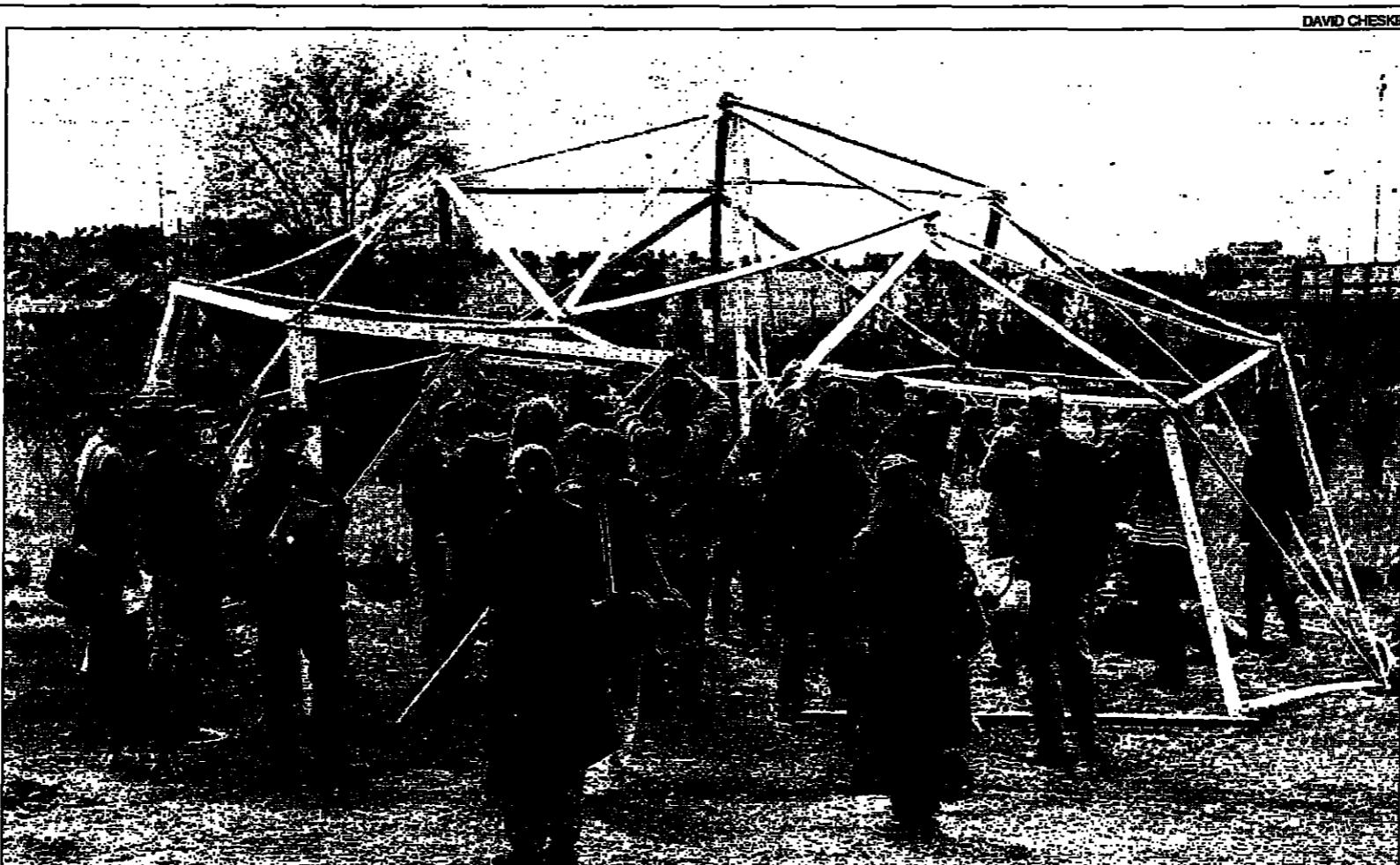
The company has already landed the seven-year contract to operate trains on Network SouthCentral, the fifth largest former British Rail franchise, and now has its sights on other routes.

It has been shortlisted for the Chiltern and South Eastern franchises, which will be awarded in the summer, and is also thought to be interested in the ScotRail and South Wales and West networks.

Antoine Hurel, director of the company's transport section, said the company was looking to build up a portfolio of between three and five of the larger passenger franchises. That could give it control of 25 per cent or more of the passenger network, which the Government hopes will be fully privatised before the next election.

With Sea Containers, a Bermuda-registered ferry and freight company, also likely to be one of the leading rail operators after privatisation, up to half the network could end up in the hands of companies with overseas headquarters.

M Hurel said he expected



Protesters put up a tent yesterday as they began building what they called a communal village on a patch of derelict land in Wandsworth

Land protesters take over derelict site

HUNDREDS of campaigners for land rights seized a derelict site yesterday and started building a "communal village". Police called to the site in south London kept a low profile after 400 activists set up buildings, dug toilets, planted windmills for electricity and prepared the ground for crops.

The activists, calling themselves The Land is Ours, had earlier driven in

from Shepherds Bush to York Road, Wandsworth, before taking over the 13-acre site which is earmarked for a supermarket. Over the

next few days they plan to build a temporary village before planning and building a permanent settlement.

Inspector George Porter, from Battersea police station, said they were powerless to stop the campaigners who did not appear to have broken any laws.

The occupation is aimed at mirroring a mass squat of more than 1,000 sites by demobbed soldiers who found themselves homeless at the end of the Second World War. They want inner-city derelict land to be redeveloped for cheap accommodation. The group

spent six months drawing up plans, building prefabricated housing and recruiting the expertise of architects, engineers and lawyers. One of the organisers, George Monbiot, a former Oxford don, said he hoped the mass squat would "stimulate debate about the twin issues of homelessness and derelict land".

The site is owned by Guinness, whose attempts to redevelop have been blocked by Wandsworth Borough Council.

□ Benefits of the A34 Newbury bypass, the most bitterly contested of the

Government's surviving road schemes could be wiped out after providing only ten years' relief from traffic gridlock in the town (Jonathan Pryn writes).

A leaked transport document drawn up by Berkshire County Council predicts that "traffic conditions on the existing A34 in 2006 would return to the current conditions" if traffic grows as predicted. It also showed that the council had seriously considered building yet another relief road, to the west of Newbury, to deal with additional traffic.

Sifiso is still a ward of court in England and Mrs Mahlangu gave an assurance to the court that she would return him if ordered to.

A legal source said: "If Strasbourg finds that both his and Mrs Stopford's rights have been violated then we would have grounds to request his return through the English courts. Even without Strasbourg, if it becomes quite obvious that he is suffering, then we will still have grounds because he is a ward of court."

Leading article, page 15

Brown's child benefit plan resisted

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR is facing resistance from senior colleagues in the Labour Party over plans to end child benefit for the parents of children aged between 16 and 18.

The Labour leader is pressing ahead with a wide-ranging review of funding for post-16 education, in spite of from within the party that plans to abolish child benefit for this age group have been "ill thought-out".

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, made clear last month that the party was prepared to abolish child ben-

efit for more than a million teenagers aged 16, 17 or 18 and to use the resulting £700 million saving to improve training and education for the poorest families.

Labour frontbenchers have voiced concern that the plan could lose the party votes at the general election, with John Major already calling it a "tax on learning".

Senior frontbenchers, including Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, and David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, are at present discussing with Mr Brown and Mr Blair the particulars of the plan, which

are likely to be unveiled in detail next month.

Senior Labour figures attempted yesterday to counter suggestions that Mr Blair had been frightened off the plan, although one Shadow Cabinet member said: "It needs fine-tuning before we give out full details. It needs to be sold rather better than before." Mr Blair's aides said the Labour leader was intent on following the "radical proposals".

Officials from both Mr Blair's and Mr Brown's offices denounced as "nonsense" reports in a Sunday newspaper that there was a split over the issue and said the two were fully committed to the plan.

Mr Smith is hoping to ensure that poorer families are not forced to take their children out of full-time education by ensuring that they would still receive an education and maintenance allowance.

Critics say that this is less

than generous, since the average stay in a nursing home is 18 months, and in a residential home three years. Most people who go into care homes will die there.

The means test for those who have to go into care means that if they have assets worth £16,000, they are expected to foot the entire bill, which can be £17,000 a year. An estimated 40,000 elderly people have already sold their homes to pay for care.

Mr Dorrell is also suggesting flexible pensions, beginning at a low rate with a higher payout in later years to pay for extra help. His strategy depends on people being sensible enough to take

Dorrell offers care carrot

By DOMINIC KENNEDY
SOCIAL AFFAIRS
CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to help the elderly to pay for residential or nursing homes without having to sell their property are expected to be announced by the Health Secretary this week.

In a discussion paper, Stephen Dorrell will offer tax incentives to those who take out insurance policies to safeguard their homes against the present means test. In return, the Government will agree to pay for their care beyond a three-year limit.

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An unsolved problem is how to deal with people who are too poor to take out insurance or whose pension is too small to manage on less than the full sum in the early years. The Government would still be expected to meet their costs. Some projections suggest their numbers will rise sharply as the average age of the population increases.

Stopford vowed to continue fight for boy



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Neighbours heard cries of children trapped in fire

By STEPHEN FARRELL

DESPERATE screams for help alerted neighbours to the fire in which four children died early yesterday. They ran to help after seeing flames leaping from windows and doors of the house in Southampton but were unable to do anything to save the victims.

Melvin and Beverley Good, the parents of the children who were sleeping in another room at their home in Sholing, Southampton, escaped by climbing out of the bedroom window and clambering across a conservatory roof alongside the house. The children, who were trapped in a rear bedroom, were unable to escape.

John Clifford, 40, a lorry driver whose house overlooks the Goods' back garden, said: "I heard terrible, terrible screams which woke me from my sleep. They were wailing 'Mummy, daddy, help us please! I woke my wife and we looked out of the back window. The house was ablaze, it was an inferno but even above the noise of the fire I could hear those children's screams."

"The sound of those helpless little kids screaming for their lives will stay with me for ever. I went down to the back fence and saw Melvin and Beverley in the garden. I asked if everyone was out and he said 'no'. Then I heard shrieks coming from inside the house again. By this time they weren't proper words, they were just terrified screams. Then they suddenly stopped."

Chris Horn, 32, was returning home from a public house

with his girlfriend when he heard cries which he thought came from behind the front door. "I kicked the door as hard as I could. The glass fell out and a flame ripped out through the hole. I dived back out of the way, then I heard screams coming from the side of the house," he said.

Mr Horn, a panel beater who lives opposite, said he vaulted on to the garden gate and saw Mrs Good crouching below. "I jumped onto the gate, leant over and pulled her over with one arm. I don't know how I did it. She was screaming and my girlfriend just tried to calm her down."

"Then I jumped back over the gate and saw the husband. He was only wearing underpants and was trying to get back into the house shouting 'I've got to get in to my babies'. I just grabbed his arm and stopped him. There was no way anybody could have gone in there. It would have been suicide."

Mr Horn saw Kelly, 14, appear from the back door, her face and hair burnt and her arms and legs covered in blood. He said: "She was screaming and shouting 'I know who done this'. I tried to talk to her but she just kept shouting so I grabbed hold of her and sat her on my knee to comfort her."

Residents on the council estate were astonished at the speed with which the fire took hold. Flames and dense smoke poured from every door and window, the glass panes exploding into the street. David

Brewer and Paul Cambell were among the first firefighters to arrive. Wearing breathing apparatus, they fought to get up the stairs but were beaten back at the first attempt by the heat, which turned water from their hoses to steam.

"The first thing I heard when I got to the house was the mother's voice screaming 'My kids, my kids'. Mr Cambell, 33, said: "The first time we tried to get to the top of the stairs it was just too hot, there were balls of flame licking round our ears. The children were the driving force, that's why we were prepared to put ourselves through so much pain."

Ignoring burns to his face, neck and arm, Mr Brewer, 32, made it to the children's bedroom where he found their bodies. "Inside the room it was just all flames up the walls, along the ceiling and out the window. You couldn't see six inches in front of you," he said.

"It was the most horrific scene I have ever seen in 13 years on the job. No training can condition you for finding casualties and bodies. You just have to deal with it at the time."

Four firefighters suffered facial and neck burns and have been offered counselling. Alan House, assistant chief fire officer for Hampshire Fire Service, said many chose to deal with their emotions by talking it through with friends.

Yesterday fire brigade and Home Office forensic investigators carried out a search of the blackened house, its outer shell burnt away above the charred front door.

Friends laid bouquets of flowers beneath a lamppost near the sealed-off section of Sullivan Road. Tina Stunell, mother of Andrea Good's boyfriend, Alan, said Miss Good had learnt of her brothers' and sisters' deaths in an early-morning call from police.

"Andrea is a lovely girl. She was like another mother to those children, very protective of them," she said. "Everyone is just so, so sorry for the family."



Claire Pierce, described as a sporty young woman who was always in good spirits



Alison Good, 10 and her sister Nicola, 8, who were trapped in a back bedroom with their two brothers

Lawyers complain of stress at work

Feminist accuses men of abusing sex equality laws

By DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

HIGH-FLYING lawyers complain of intolerable stress and bullying at work in a survey published today. The survey of 700 solicitors for *The Lawyer* magazine showed that more than 80 per cent were looking around for new jobs.

Nine out of 10 said they suffered from stress and nearly one third saw themselves as highly stressed, with the vast majority claiming their personal life had been harmed by work. A quarter of the solicitors who responded to the survey said the volume of work they were expected to do stopped them from taking their full entitlement of holiday.

The study showed that 85 per cent believed their profession had declined in standing in the public eye and that solicitors should be monitored and controlled by independent outsiders instead of by the Law Society. Two thirds of lawyers in private companies confirmed that women had a worse deal than men when it came to being made full partners in law firms. One third of all solicitors reported coming across bullying by senior figures at their place of work.

Men are making ridiculous sex discrimination claims to portray themselves as victims of the sex war, a leading feminist said yesterday.

The Equal Opportunities Commission received more complaints about sexism in job recruitment from males last year than from females, for the first time in its 20-year history. Bernadette Valleye said she had evidence that men may be making ludicrous job applications and then crying foul.

There were 820 complaints of sex discrimination by men in 1995 — a 10 per cent rise over 1994 — compared with 803 from women. The commission is celebrating a £2,500 out-of-court settlement for a male nurse who was refused a job with the RAF.

Other cases include a bricklayer who was refused a job as a secretary in case he was reluctant to make the tea, and a male country club receptionist sacked by employers who wanted a pretty girl.

Ms Valleye had to deal with two complaints from men to the commission when the Women's Environmental Network, which she founded,

Professor 'proves' superiority of the male

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

MEN do better than women at university because they are more intelligent, a psychologist has said.

Professor Richard Lynn, recently retired from the University of Ulster, says he has confirmed results previously obtained in Britain by examining the degree results at four Irish universities. These show that men obtain 30 per cent more first-class degrees than women, a narrower gap than in Britain but still significant.

Professor Lynn dismisses claims that men are more highly motivated — "women in fact work harder", he says — and that universities have a male-dominated culture.

Men have bigger brains and a higher average IQ, by a few percentage points, sufficient to ensure an excess of men in the IQ range over 130, roughly the level needed to get a first-class degree, his paper, published in the journal *Personality and Individual Differences*, says.

In the past, Professor Lynn's controversial views, such as that racial groups vary in intelligence, led to student boycotts of his lectures.

Jagger the rebel is called to account

By CAROL MIDGLEY

MICK JAGGER has told former London School of Economics students about the turning point in his life, when he walked out of an accountancy examination while a first-year student to devote himself to a fledgeling band called the Rolling Stones.

However, the man remembered by many as the ultimate Sixties iconoclast may disappoint his fans by admitting that he spent most of his time at the LSE in the library. In a video to celebrate the institution's centenary, Jagger, who spent just one year there after enrolling in 1961, says: "I was in my accounting exam and it was a beautiful summer's day and I looked at the paper and



Jagger: walked out

just said, 'No, this is not for me — I'm walking.' I just walked out of the exam and I never went back to the LSE."

His act of rebellion meant that he never gained his BSc in economics but Jagger, now 52, says he was far from a rebellious student. "I was a very voracious reader and this was a wonderful new untapped source of all this information and knowledge. So I spent a lot of time in the library reading — wasting time if you like — and not applying myself to the course."

"I did the one year, but I was working with the Rolling Stones regularly at the weekends and it was hard to keep up the Rolling Stones and my

Daughter of top policeman dies at 'drugs party'

By ADRIAN LEE

THE DAUGHTER of a police superintendent was found dead on a sofa at a party where it is suspected drugs were available. Police were yesterday questioning friends of Claire Pierce, 20, whose father Roy is the commander of the Beeston police division in Nottinghamshire.

Miss Pierce apparently fell asleep during the night but friends, who had continued with the party in Meden Vale, near Mansfield, were unable to rouse her at 6.30am yesterday. Neighbours said a group of teenagers, many in tears, were later led away from the house.

A post-mortem examination was carried out yesterday but it could be two days before toxicology tests are completed on Miss Pierce, a bereavement counsellor, who was about to become a nurse. Police said tablets had been handed out at the party.

Superintendent Mick Salt, of Mansfield police, who is a family friend, said: "No tablets were found but we know they were there . . . No one else suffered any ill-effects. For all we know, Claire could have died of a heart attack."

The party went on through the night and at some stage, as far as we know, she lay down on a settee in the lounge and apparently went to sleep. She was found by one of the group, shortly before 6.30am, who shook her. But apparently she looked dead and her body felt cold to the touch."

Ambulance paramedics were unable to revive Miss Pierce, who was pronounced

dead by a police surgeon. Mr Salt said police had questioned 15 people who attended the party. He appealed to others who had left earlier to come forward. It was not, at this stage, a criminal inquiry.

Miss Pierce had just won a place as a student nurse at St James's Hospital in Leeds but was working with her mother Ruth. She lived in Mansfield with her parents and brother Mark, 23, who has just left the Army. She is known to have been drinking at a pub before reaching the party.

Mr Salt described Miss Pierce as "a nice pleasant young lady who was no problem to her family". There had been no complaints from neighbours about the party and it was not a "rave". He said Miss Pierce's father, whom he had known since she was born, would have investigated many similar cases.

Last night no one was at the terraced house where the party was held. A neighbour, Reg Cutts, 46, a former miner, said a woman and her two sons, the older one a teenager, lived in the house. It is thought the mother, aged 40, was away on holiday.

Mr Cutts said he had spoken to the teenager about drugs recently. "Drugs are rife around here but only last week he assured me that he has nothing to do with them."

One of Miss Pierce's neighbours said: "Everyone around here is totally shocked. She was an attractive, sporty young woman who looked to be really healthy and always in good spirits."

Glider pair survive fatal crash with plane

By JOANNA BALE

A GLIDING instructor and his student escaped unhurt yesterday when their aircraft collided with a single-engined plane whose pilot died when he crashed in a field.

As the plane nose-dived, the two men in the glider regained control of their aircraft and landed safely close to the village of Westcott, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

A man working in a building near by heard the plane crash, then saw the glider overhead with part of its wing hanging off. The man, who

did not wish to be named, said: "The plane crashed two fields away from us. I heard the crash. It sounded like one of those racing planes. It sounded like it was going into a dive. The glider came over about two seconds later. I saw a bit of its wing hanging off. It could have been a bit of a catastrophe if it had come any nearer to the village."

The single-engine Gulfstream AAS had flown from Elstree airfield in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, with only the 27-year-old male pilot aboard. The German ASK 13 glider took off 20 minutes before the accident from the

Upward Bound Trust for Young People at Haddenham airfield, Buckinghamshire. The glider club, which trains about 30 young people, was holding a Bank Holiday event with vintage gliders.

The aircraft collided just after 11am and the American-built Gulfstream was so badly damaged that police were unable to identify it at the scene. Fire crews cut the pilot from the wreckage and he was certified dead by a police surgeon.

The glider crew were treated for shock and last night they were being questioned by officials from the Air

Accident Investigation Bureau about the collision, which happened at 2.000ft in fine weather.

Brian Bushell, the glider club's chief flying instructor, said: "One of our two-seater training gliders was involved in a mid-air collision. The glider landed safely and both pilots are uninjured. The matter is now in the hands of the Air Accident Investigation Board and I have been advised to say nothing else."

On Saturday a pilot died in a crash at a display of Second World War aircraft at the Old Warden aerodrome near Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.



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Hotelier sues over wife's will

A MILLIONAIRE hotelier has issued a writ challenging the right of beneficiaries of his late wife's will to inherit from her estate.

Sir Charles Bracewell-Smith, whose family founded the Park Lane Hotel in London and who is a major shareholder of Arsenal Football Club, is seeking the return of jewellery, paintings and £494,000.

His wife Carol died in 1994 aged 47 from cancer. They were estranged at the time and she made bequests to a number of friends and carers in the last days of her illness.

Sir Charles claims some items were not hers to give away, including jewellery that had come from his grandmother.

Lady Bracewell-Smith's father, Norman Hough, a retired company director, said: "Charlie wants his money back from the estate and we support him. My daughter came under the influence of people during her last days fawning around her."

Waterstone to open stores for children

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

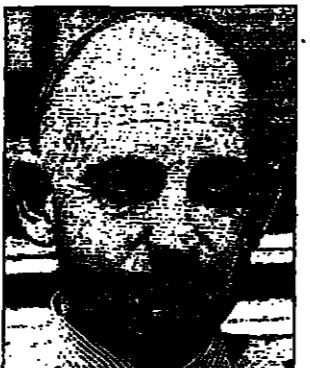
THE entrepreneur who founded the Waterstone's chain of bookshops is to open a £5 million department store devoted entirely to children.

Tim Waterstone, who built the 96-branch bookshop chain that he sold to W.H. Smith for more than £40 million in 1993, will base the new store on a theatrical design inspired by fairs and circuses. It will cater for children aged up to nine and will sell books, toys, videos and clothes, as well as offering hairdressing, puppet shows and "the most magnificent" soda fountain.

"I haven't seen anything like this anywhere," he said. "It will have the best of everything: the best of Harrods, the best of Hamleys, the best of the Gap, all under one roof." The theatrical designer Lucy Algar will create the setting.

The store will be named Daisy & Tom, after his daughter of 18 months and his partner's three-year-old son. It will open first in King's Road, west London; negotiations for the site are being completed.

Mr Waterstone, 56, is already planning to open another store, in Kingston on Thames next year and dreams of many more across the country. He senses a gap in the market just as he did when he set up Waterstone's, a business that has been described as "arguably the modern book world's greatest success story".



Waterstone: he will sell books, toys and clothes

well-informed university graduates.

It was ironic that he should have sold the business to W.H. Smith: the company had fired him for losing money in its American market. He had joined them eight years earlier, in 1973. In September 1982, partly out of spite, as he put it, he set up his own shop. "I was never happy at Smith's and they were never happy with me."

Down to his last £6,000, he borrowed £10,000 from his father-in-law and mislaid his first day's takings, of £924, on the Tube. "I had them in a bag, got up and left the bag on the Tube. I never saw it again." By 1993, Waterstone's sales were in excess of £100 million.

Mr Waterstone, whose backer for Daisy & Tom is the publisher D.C. Thomson, said: "There's room for a really good bookseller for children. Our books will be awfully good, but they're only part of what we'll be selling. We'll be selling everything you could possibly need for children."



Beryl Burton and her daughter Denise, then 16, when they were selected to ride in the 1973 world championships. Burton had just won the British 3,000 metres pursuit title, beating a strong challenge from Denise

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Former cycling champion Burton killed on Sunday afternoon ride

BY PETER BRYAN

BERYL BURTON, the former international cyclist who dominated the sport for years and once vowed never to retire, has been killed in an accident while riding her racing bike.

Burton, 59, from Harrogate, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harrogate District Hospital after falling from her bicycle in Skipton Road yesterday morning. She is survived by her husband, Charlie, and daughter, Denise. In 1973 mother and daughter were both selected to ride for Britain in the world championships at Barcelona.

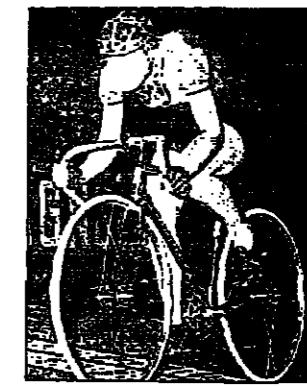
North Yorkshire police are anxious to trace a man wearing a green top who flagged down a passing motorist.

Burton rode competitively as recently as last October when the centenary of time trials was celebrated in Bedfordshire.

Britain's top female cyclist, Burton, defeated a complicated form of rheumatic fever, by turning to sport. She went on to dominate British cycling for almost a quarter of a century.

For 25 years she was the unbeaten champion of Britain. Her records for time trials over 25, 50 and 100 miles still stand as does her distance record of 27.25 miles over 12 hours, set in 1967. The story goes that when she passed the leading male, she offered him a liquorice allsort "because he was struggling at bit".

She was also in the vanguard of champions at international level, winning her



Burton, aged 24, in action in Milan

Woman dies after 16 years as hermit

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE case of a girl who became a recluse at 13 and died of an apparent overdose 16 years later was being investigated yesterday. Karen Morgan disappeared into the bedroom of her suburban home in 1980 and was next seen by neighbours being removed in a body bag last week.

Her brother Russell, 27, another recluse, is being treated in a psychiatric hospital after a suspected overdose. Police believe they made a suicide pact which went wrong. Karen had been dead for three days when her naked body was found, laid out on her bed.

Her parents Bob and Josie, who also lived in the three-bedroom semi-detached house in Erith, southeast London, were questioned by police although no charges have been brought against them.

Ron Brierley, chairman of social services for the London Borough of Bexley, said yesterday: "We frankly knew nothing about the family. Sometimes we don't know about families until disasters overwhelm them. Senior officers are investigating what happened."

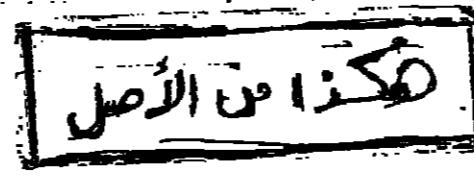
Irene Horton, a neighbour who lives two doors away, said: "The last time I saw

Karen was when she was at school. I knew she had problems and played truant a lot even though she was very bright. She used to play out in the street with my daughters but as she got older she became more withdrawn. She stopped going to school."

"Her brother Russell, who was at a special school, followed her lead and dropped out as well. I haven't seen him for years either, since he was in his early teens. I know Josie and Bob to speak to and they are a lovely couple, perfectly ordinary."

"I never spoke to them about their children because I think they were embarrassed that they would not leave the house. Everyone knew about Karen and Russell and thought they were just a bit strange but no more than that. Never in a million years did I expect it to end like this. It's all very sad. In all the time I've lived here I've never been inside their house."

The family never had any visitors. The door was not opened to anyone who knocked. Karen's meals used to be left by her parents on a tray outside her bedroom. Council officials are checking education records to see what action was taken when she stopped attending school.



Is this the grave of Bader's missing Spitfire?

Aircraft hunters hail find of wreckage buried under 15 feet of French mud

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN ST OMER

The earth of northern France yielded up one of its deepest wartime secrets yesterday when a group of enthusiasts recovered what they believed to be the shattered remains of Sir Douglas Bader's Spitfire from 15ft of clay.

Yet the mystery remains of exactly how and why Bader, one of the most enduringly famous flying aces of the Second World War, came down in a field near St Omer on August 9, 1941, during a huge and confused dogfight involving more than 100 British and German fighters.

The British war history enthusiasts on Operation Dogsbody, led by Dilip Sarkar, 34, a West Mercia policeman, spent two days with a mechanical digger retrieving the engine, propeller, instruments and much of the cockpit. They are almost entirely certain that they have the right aircraft, but have still not found the maker's plate with the serial number W318S that would positively identify it as Bader's, whose callsign was Dogsbody.

Lady Bader, 76, who married Bader in 1975 after the death of his first wife, flew to France yesterday to inspect the remains, thick with clay and corrosion and dumped unceremoniously in the back of a farm trailer, awaiting removal to England for cleaning. She was uncertain of her feelings. Her initial reaction on seeing the mud-encrusted engine block of the Rolls-Royce Merlin, and a pile of aluminium scrap identifiable only to experts, was "God, what a mess."

"I am trying to think what Douglas would say. He would either say, 'Bloody idiots for digging this thing up,' or he would have been out there helping them. It is history, I suppose, but I cannot help feeling that it would have been better left where it was. Doug-



Lady Bader with part of the propeller yesterday

in the cockpit. He managed to detach the leg and bale out. He was found in a hedge by a 13-year-old boy, Arthur Dubreuil.

M Dubreuil, now 68, recalled yesterday: "I could not understand it. I saw this man with only one leg, and that was twisted at an impossible angle. Yet I saw no blood. Before I could help him, German soldiers arrived and they chased me away."

Bader was taken to St Omer Hospital, where he was feted and treated with a chivalrous courtesy by the German pilots. They recovered his missing

leg and sent a coded message to London asking if the RAF would fly him a replacement. They offered safe passage to the aircraft delivering the limb.

But the RAF had other ideas. They dropped a new leg by parachute from a passing Blenheim bomber on its way to pound Lille.

Bader briefly escaped from St Omer Hospital, but not before a nurse had taken as a souvenir one of his brass RAF uniform buttons. Her granddaughter, Madame Vincent Wepierre, wearing the button on a necklace, tracked down Lady Bader yesterday and gave her a bouquet of English roses and French lilies. "My grandmother was very proud to have nursed such a brave man," she told Lady Bader.

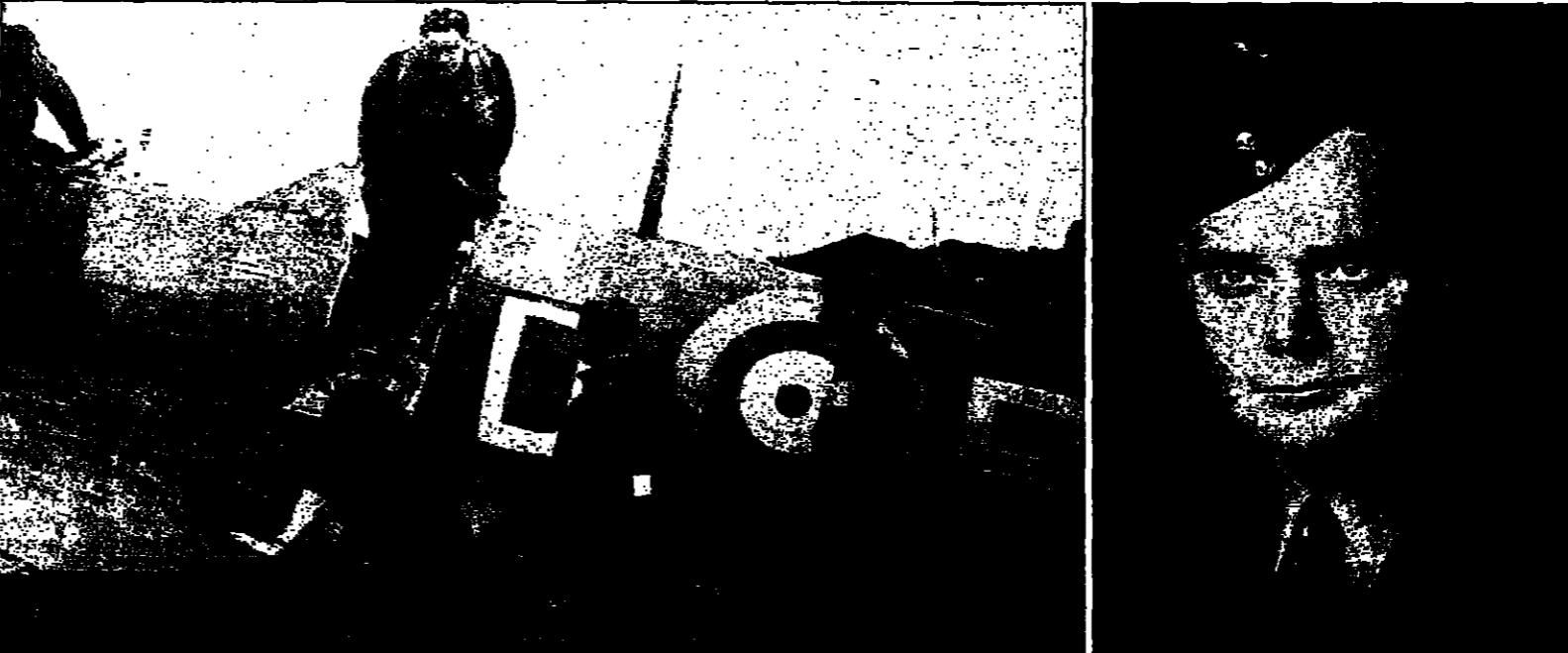
In the book *Reach For The Sky*, Bader recalled dimly that he had been downed that day not by enemy fire but by a collision with a Messerschmitt.

But the weekend diggers found one 20mm cannon shell among the wreckage, and when Bader featured on *This Is Your Life* shortly before his death in 1982, he joked that he had been shot down by fellow members of his own 610 Squadron who wanted his job as leader of the most glamorous wing in the air force. The suspicion, oddly, lingers.

Mr Sarkar and his team were delighted with their weekend's work, but are they sure they have the right plane? "We know that only two aircraft were shot down in this area on that day, one German and one British," he said. "We have found part of an identification plate showing that this Spitfire, unusually, was made in Southampton when the majority were being built at Castle Bromwich; that also fits the known facts. And we have in addition the memories of the local people."



Corner of a foreign field: the Operation Dogsbody team with the control panel of the Spitfire found near St Omer. The researchers have yet to find the maker's plate that would positively identify it as the one in which Bader led the RAF's most glamorous wing in the Battle of Britain



Blow-by-blow account records mayhem of ace's final dogfight

BY ALEXANDRA WILLIAMS

PILOTS' exchanges before Douglas Bader came down in a field near St Omer at 11.32am on August 9, 1941, were recorded by Beachy Head forward relay station, and preserved by Air Vice-Marshal Johnnie Johnson, a pilot officer on the sortie.

Bader took off at 10.40am, leading his Spitfires on a target-support sortie. They were to pave the way for a bombing raid on the power station at Gosnay, near Bethune in northeast France. Near St Omer, Bader unwittingly led his flight into a trap: four apparently unsuspecting Me109s were attacked by Bader's

section of four Spitfires only for the Spitfires to be "bounced" in turn by undetected Me109s waiting above.

This is the transcript:

Flying Officer Roy Marples (RM): Three bandits coming down astern of us. I'm keeping an eye on them, now there are six.

Douglas Bader (DB): OK.

RM: Eleven of them now.

DB: OK. Roy, let me know exactly where they are.

RM: About one mile astern and slightly higher.

Beetle: Douglas, there is another 40-plus 15 miles to the northeast.

DB: OK Beetle. Are our friends where they are ought to be, I

haven't much idea where I am.

DB: Yes you are exactly right. And so are your friends.

RM: Dogsbody [Bader] from Roy. Keep turning left and you'll see 109s at nine o'clock.

DM: Ken, can you see them?

Squadron Leader Ken Holden (KH): Douglas, 109s below. Climbing up.

DB: I can't see them, will you tell me where to look?

KH: Underneath Bill's section now. Shall I come down?

DB: No, I have them. Get into formation. Going down, Ken, are you with us?

KH: Just above you.

There followed a ferocious, confused dogfight. It was not recorded who was talking.

Blue 2 here. Some buggers coming down behind, astern. Break left. Break for Christ's sake, break!

"Get into formation or they'll shoot the bloody lot of you!"

"Spitfire going down in flames, 10 o'clock."

"YQ-C 1616 Squadron Spitfire. Form up on me, I'm at three o'clock to you."

"Four buggers above us."

"All Elfin aircraft withdraw. I say again, all Elfin aircraft withdraw. Use the cloud if you're in trouble. Are you going home Ken?"

"Yes, withdrawing." Ken from Crow. Are you still about?"

"I'm right behind you Crow."

"Are we all here?" Two short."

"Dogsbody from Beetle. Do you require any assistance?"

"Beetle from Elfin Leader. We are OK and withdrawing."

"Thank you Billy. Douglas, do you require any assistance? Steer three four zero to the coast."

The silence was ominous.

Pilot Officer Johnson recalled:

"There was this scream of 'Break!'

and we all broke, we didn't wait to hear it twice! Then a swirling mass of 109s and Spitfires. When I broke I could see Bader still firing. There

was some cloud and I disappeared into it as quickly as possible! I couldn't say how many aircraft were involved, suffice to say a lot. It seemed to me that the greatest danger was a collision, rather than being shot down.

"We had got the 109s we were bouncing and then Holden came down with his section, so there were a lot of aeroplanes. There was an absolute mass of aeroplanes just 50 yards apart, it was awful. I thought to myself, 'You're going to collide with somebody!' I didn't think about shooting at anything after we were bounced ourselves, all you could think about was surviving."

Veterans try to head off Dresden bombing critics

BY ADRIAN LEE

RAF VETERANS have defended the wartime bombing of Dresden, saying they are tired of allegations that it was a needless slaughter of thousands of civilians. By speaking out, they hope RAF charity collectors, who often face criticism from the public over the raid in 1945, will benefit.

The bombing, which killed about 35,000 people, is still the subject of fierce debate. Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris was vilified for his part in the raid and Sir Winston Churchill later queried its validity.

In October 1992 the statue of Sir Arthur unveiled in London by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother earlier that year was daubed with red paint. In the same year eggs were thrown at the Queen when she visited Dresden.

But writing in *Bomber Command News*, Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, 76, says: "In February 1945 the war was far from over. It was not a personal decision by Sir Arthur



The "Bomber" Harris statue that was attacked

when Dresden was bombed? We lost another 400 bombers afterwards." The British had yet to cross the Rhine.

The article, titled "Dresden — Here are the Facts", says that the city was a strategic target and its destruction meant a considerable reduction in the effectiveness of the German war machine.

The campaign should have started with an American daylight raid on Dresden on February 13 but bad weather over Europe stopped the operation. It fell to Bomber Command to carry out the first raid on the night of February 13. A total of 796 Lancasters and nine Mosquitos were dispatched in two separate attacks on Dresden.

Doug Radcliffe, secretary of the association, said collectors for the RAF Benevolent Fund were frequently asked by the public to explain the Dresden raid. "We are tired of having to defend these allegations. We wished to clarify some points."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

How to preserve a life of drinking

ONE elderly pair of expatriates, we will call them the Patons, used like swallows, to leave their winter residence each spring and return to Britain for a few weeks. For the past year or two they have not been and I assume that General Paton has finally died from his coronary heart disease, and his wife from a bleed from her oesophageal varices.

Like other varicose veins, those in the gullet are apt to bleed, but stopping this bleeding is altogether more difficult than stanching the flow from a vein in the leg. Bleeding from an oesophageal vein is often lethal and a wide variety of measures has been tried in efforts to stop it.

Balloons can be inflated to apply pressure to the bleeding point, or sometimes inserted; drugs are given to lower the pressure in the bleeding veins; but the treatment of choice over the past decade has been endoscopic sclerotherapy. In an emergency this injection can be life-saving and at other times the procedure is used to prevent future disaster. Mrs Paton regularly had her oesophageal varices injected.

As the general's military career flourished, so did the social life that went with it. Nobody could ever remember Mrs Paton being obviously intoxicated, in fact she never seemed to have had even a little too much to drink, but she was a generous hostess. Visitors were offered dry sherry with a morning biscuit, a stiff drink before lunch, and

some wine to go with it. The Patons' evening hospitality was famous. Fifty years of heavy, regular social drinking can be too much for some livers, particularly female ones. Mrs Paton developed cirrhosis with a common complication of liver disease, oesophageal varices.

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War bear to be sold for charity

By ROBIN YOUNG

A TEDDY BEAR that survived the Second World War when a Russian officer saved it from bayonet practice is to be auctioned for charity and could fetch up to £5,000.

Most of the money paid for "Big Ted" at Sotheby's in London on May 22 will go to an orphanage in the former Yugoslavia.

Selena Isaac, Sotheby's teddy bear specialist, said the 1920s 4ft blond-furred bear,

made in the 1920s by the German firm Steiff, was a rarity because of its exceptional size. "He was probably made for display in a shop or a nursery," she said. "He is in wonderful condition, with a lovely friendly expression."

Nothing is known of the Russian officer who rescued Big Ted in 1944 except that his name was Paul. He took the bear to his lodgings in a village near Vienna and gave it to his landlady's two-year-old daughter, Gerhild Gilg.

The BMJ editorial draws attention to the greater benefits that follow the use of endoscopic band ligation, in which a band is slipped over the swollen vein. If the patient is fortunate it applies enough pressure to obliterate it.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

How police learn to operate on margins of the law

POLICE currently undergo courses teaching them how to break in and plant bugs in homes or offices, even though they lack the statutory power to do so.

The courses are part of a strategy developed by senior detectives in the game of cat and mouse with some of the most powerful criminals in the country. Targets have included armed robbers, south London gangsters and drug traffickers.

Some of the officers on such courses are members of the hand-picked surveillance teams developed by Scotland Yard's intelligence directorate, SOI. Others are members of provincial forces and regional crime squads. They are taught how to pick locks, open windows, bypass security systems and plant bugs discreetly. They are also taught to attach tracking devices and microphones to cars.

They operate on the margins of the law, and the courses emphasise that they must enter and leave undetected. A break-in is not a criminal offence if there is no intention to steal. However, it is a civil offence of trespass and any damage done could be used as part of a civil case for malicious damage. If the police decide to use the material in evidence they must persuade

MIS will soon gain the legal right to enter and bug suspects' homes. Now the police want similar power, Stewart Tendler writes

each judge in each case that the evidence is admissible.

Until 1984 there were no official guidelines on carrying out break-ins. After pressure from chief constables the Home Office issued a confidential memorandum that is still used today. It specifies that breaking in and planting bugs can be done only where police believe they are dealing with suspects linked to "serious and organised crime, a threat to life or the economic well-being of the nation".

Officers must apply for permission from their chief constable and must show that there is no other way to gather the intelligence they need. One former commander said: "It is not a fishing exercise. The operation has to be worth the risks that are taken. There have been a few narrow escapes over the years." Top criminals have grown increasingly sophisticated in combatting surveillance.

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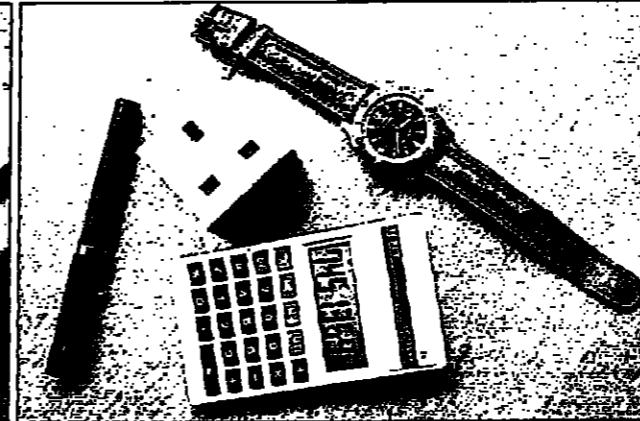
Most of the break-ins involve placing microphones and radio transmitters rather than cameras, because surveillance teams can easily photograph people coming and going. "What we are after is what they are plotting," one detective said.

Before any operation begins, the target and his home are watched until the undercover police have a clear idea of his routine. They look for a time when the target should be well away from his base.

When the break-in team moves forward, a second unit is on watch outside and other surveillance officers cover the movements of the target. If the target appears on the verge of returning unexpectedly, they may try to divert him. The break-in team may carry a search warrant as a precaution and produce it if challenged, although this provides no statutory cover.

No statutory cover.

Undercover police, such as in the film *Stakeout*, monitor the movements of targets. Everyday items, below, can be adapted as bugs. The clock on the left contains a hidden camera that takes pictures through the dot below the 8



Spies in quandary over legal niceties

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE involvement of MIS in tackling organised crime will lead to legal dilemmas because of the paramount concern of the Security Service to protect its sources and operational methods.

Senior MIS officers admit that they might have to restrict their inquiries because of the likelihood that intelligence officers will be required to disclose their activities in court as evidence, should there be a criminal prosecution. A judge might demand full disclosure, forcing the prosecution to abandon the case because the intelligence information is too sensitive to be disclosed in any form.

MIS has been involved in the judicial process on a number of occasions, mainly in cases involving terrorist charges. Dame Stella Rimington, recently retired as MIS Director-General, posed three questions: how far was it desirable

to reveal detailed information about operations; how was MIS to ensure that sensitive sources of intelligence were protected while preserving the interests of justice; and how were MIS operations to be conducted to ensure that intelligence could be admitted as evidence?

These issues will become even more important if MIS officers regularly appear as witnesses in cases of organised crime. As a first step, MIS's controls and procedures for gathering, recording and collating intelligence have been tightened. Running an agent during an investigation into serious crime, MIS officers have to follow strict procedures: operations are monitored by senior managers as well as by legal advisers.

Before any trial, MIS has to open its files to the Crown Prosecution Service, including telephone tap and eavesdrop-

ping material, to make sure no rules have been broken. These controls are far tougher than those required of the police. MIS also keeps detailed records of its operations, including all meetings with agents as well as eavesdropping, search and surveillance missions.

Dame Stella, who pressed the Home Secretary to let MIS fight organised crime in support of the police, acknowledged that the challenge would be to ensure that where civil liberties were infringed, through tapping and break-ins, the controls and oversight were tight enough to demonstrate to a court that MIS had acted within the law.

Tomorrow *The Times* looks at the implications of bugged conversations being used in criminal prosecutions, and at cases where police have operated covertly.

Elite MIS 'watchers' would be used in supporting role

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MIS's elite surveillance experts, known as the "watchers", will be deployed against selected criminal groups once the Security Service has been given statutory powers to expand its intelligence-gathering operations against organised crime.

The exploits of the watchers are legendary within the service, where they are known as mobile surveillance officers. They are a relatively small group of highly skilled, specialist officers, some of them ex-military, who work in vehicles, on foot and from fixed observation posts.

They are among the most prized officers in MIS because they have acquired unique surveillance skills over many years of following suspected Russian spies and every type of terrorist — Irish, Middle Eastern and Far Eastern.

During the Cold War, the MIS watchers had to keep tabs on Soviet intelligence officers, who used every evasive device to escape their shadows. Cars packed with heavyweight

out clandestine searches and, when approved, to plant bug devices.

MIS's most valuable secret intelligence, however, does not come from buggings and telephone taps but from information supplied by agents working within a suspected organisation. Agent operations are often conducted over long periods and this method of intelligence-gathering will also be used when MIS takes on organised crime.

MIS currently has nine staff — desk officers and clerks — working to establish with the various law enforcement agencies what sort of role the Security Service will play in combating organised crime.

The intention is for a few MIS officers to be seconded to the police, principally the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS). Although MIS will only be in a supporting role to the police, Security Service officers will run their own operations — but with "full visibility" to police and Customs.

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Worshippers hit by rave scandal put their faith in rector

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Nine O'Clock Service, the "rave" church that collapsed last summer when Chris Brain, its vicar, admitted sexually abusing women in his congregation, was consigned yesterday to the safe hands of a grey-haired, bearded country rector.

The Rev Philip Allin, 52, who was named by the Diocese of Sheffield as the new chaplain to the Nine O'Clock Service's former members, said: "I am not a rave vicar, and I am not an expert in multimedia worship."

Mr Allin was chosen for the post from a shortlist of three men and one woman after an advertisement in the *Church Times* had attracted applications from across the world.

Mr Brain, 38, ran services in the style of rock concerts at the Ponds Forge sports centre in Sheffield. They featured strobe lighting, laser beams, dry-ice vapour and pounding rock music, with the congregation often wearing T-shirts and mini-skirts.

He was forced to resign after he admitted sexual misconduct with more than 30 of his followers, and is now believed to be in America trying to establish a career as a rock musician.

Despite his departure some 50 members of the congregation were determined to carry on with the evangelical gatherings. The new name has yet to be agreed, but the new meeting place is the Hill Top Chapel in Aercleif, Sheffield, the city's oldest place of worship after the Anglican cathedral.

Mr Allin, until now team

rector of the Hermitage team ministry in rural Berkshire, said yesterday at the chapel that it was a big change for him to move to Sheffield.

He had met members of the Nine O'Clock Service congregation and was very impressed by them. "The difficulty is going to be making contact with those people who have been particularly hurt."

Mr Allin trained as a social worker and was a mental welfare officer with Nottinghamshire County Council in the 1960s. He was ordained in 1971 and is a trained Relate counsellor. In 1993 he completed a diploma course in psychodynamic counselling at Reading University.

The Venerable Stephen Lowe, the Archdeacon of Sheffield, whose investigations exposed Mr Brain's transgressions, said: "It was someone with this sort of experience, maturity and counselling skills that we were looking for, not some sort of new guru."

Allin: admits that he "is no guru"

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NEWS IN BRIEF

BSkyB and Virgin in TV talks

Richard Branson's Virgin group and the satellite television company BSkyB confirmed yesterday that they had held talks about launching a joint cable and satellite television station.

The talks were initiated after both companies failed in their bids for the licence to operate Channel 5, Britain's fifth terrestrial television station. It is understood the proposed channel would be designed to appeal to a young adult audience and would probably bear the Virgin name.

News International, the subsidiary of The News Corporation that owns 40 per cent of BSkyB.

Search resumes

A search for a teenager swept out to sea by high waves at Whitby, North Yorkshire, resumed at first light. Stephen Thomas, 15, was playing on a slipway. His friend, Christopher Evans, 13, also caught by the waves, is recovering in hospital.

Heroin seized

Customs officers seized 12kg of heroin and 18kg of a cutting agent with a total street value of £2 million in the British controlled zone at the French end of the Channel Tunnel. Two Dutch nationals, a man aged 75 and a woman aged 48, have been arrested.

Hard to swallow

A toddler with breathing difficulties was found to have had a penny stuck in his gullet for three months. The parents of Cameron Wells, aged two, from Hartlepool, are keeping the coin for their son as a souvenir after it was removed in an emergency operation.

Dog campaign

A campaign to clear pavements of dog mess and promote other aspects of responsible pet ownership will be launched at Battersea Dogs' Home tomorrow. The Good Dog Campaign is one of several initiatives being run to mark National Pet Week.

Railway fires

The steam engine *Union of South Africa*, an A4 Pacific, left several small fires on a 13-mile stretch of embankment along the Settle-Carlisle Railway. Railtrack is to review the use of steam engines, and might consider running them under light steam.

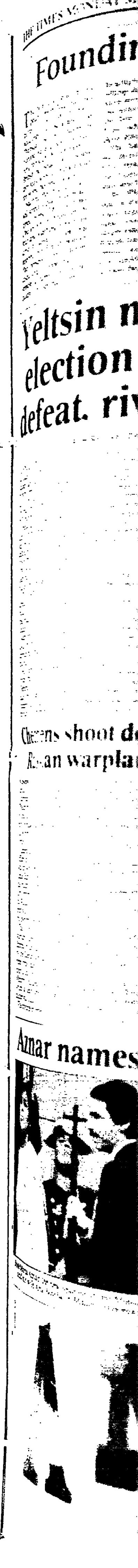
Two share £22m

Two tickets shared the £21.8 million rollover jackpot in Saturday's National Lottery.

Fifteen tickets won £258,238

for five numbers plus bonus ball. 909 matched five numbers for £2,663, and 60,000 got £91 for four correct numbers.

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Founding fathers prepare a poisoned chalice for Britain

The blue and gold European Union flag may not flutter over government buildings in Scotland on Thursday, but reminders of Europe have a way of slipping through the defences of British politicians just when they least want to think about the world beyond Calais.

Starting that night, BBC 2 will screen a quartet of neatly timed films: *The Poisoned Chalice*, which chronicles the fear and loathing which the drive to unite Europe has injected into British politics. The present Tory Cabinet discussing Europe may resemble a family of rabbits caught in several sets of

headlights at once, but telling the whole dispiriting story serves to remind us that the ministers of today are not the first furry animals who froze when confronted by these dilemmas.

The backroom boys from the *Benefit* who built the EEC recall for the cameras Euro-sceptical contempt with which the Foreign Office of the 1950s greeted the idea that six continental states could organise a supra-national community. Edward Heath exudes contentment at British humiliations. Retired British mandarins and former ministers too numerous to count begin their sentences



IN EUROPE

with the words "We just did not foresee..."

Charles Powell, Margaret Thatcher's adviser, remembers being taken aside by Helmut Kohl when the German Chancellor invited the

Prime Minister to his country home in the Rhineland. Please explain to her, Herr Kohl asked, that I am first and foremost a European and not a German. Powell failed. After a long day being squired around tombs of Holy Roman Emperors and eating pig's stomach, Mrs Thatcher sank into her seat on the aircraft home and cried: "My God, that man is so German!"

Germans often say that European integration prevents the Continent's states slipping backwards towards dangerously unstable 19th-century "balance-of-power" politics. *The Poisoned Chal-*

ice not only shows that to be naive but also underlines a paradox: federalists have only been able to nudge states towards unity by using the old-fashioned statecraft long practised by sovereign nations. In these games, enduring alliances tend to wane. Mrs Thatcher lost on points to Herr Kohl, the late François Mitterrand and Jacques Delors. A triumvirate linking the leaders of Germany and France with super-bureaucrat was unbeatable while it lasted.

By vividly retelling the story of Britain's first and failed attempt to join the EEC in the early 1960s, the docu-

mentaries reveal how one partnership reshaped the system to Britain's lasting disadvantage. The EEC's spiritual fathers, Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman, may have drawn the blueprint; but the machinery was then altered to suit the strategies of Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer.

D e Gaulle made sure that he would not be deserted by Germany when he did something which upset almost everybody else. Several of those interviewed lament that by not joining the EEC at its foundation in 1956, Britain forfeited the chance to "lead

Europe". But the reasoning that led de Gaulle to "squash" Britain's application in 1963 was the reasoning of a man determined that Britain should neither lead Europe nor interfere with the Franco-German alliance.

Several senior French officials of the time tell the story without the slightest trace of embarrassment. De Gaulle knew that Adenauer would not insist that Britain should be allowed in. Britain sat on the outside for another decade.

The stakes have risen since. The EU has moved into the most sensitive and important areas of national autonomy — currencies, armies, crime

and frontiers — and have provoked unprecedented objections from voters. But the Franco-German understanding survives.

Tony Blair should watch *The Poisoned Chalice*. You may search his speeches. Peter Mandelson's hook-length manifesto and Labour Party conference decisions for clues as to how a Labour government might deal with the conflicts of interest in today's European power politics. On how Labour's leader might avoid being poisoned from the chalice, such documents are silent.

GEORGE BROCK

Yeltsin may delay election to avoid defeat, rival claims

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

GENNADII ZYUGANOV, the Russian Communist Party leader and favourite in next month's presidential elections, said yesterday that the Kremlin may try to postpone the polls rather than face defeat.

Speaking after one of President Yeltsin's closest advisers said he was in favour of cancelling the vote, Mr Zyuganov vowed that the left-wing opposition would see to it that the elections would take place as planned on June 16.

"The party of power is afraid of losing the election because it is not coping with the situation," the Communist leader told *Pravda* yesterday. "Authorities are ready to take away the right of citizens to correct the situation through the ballot box."

His warning took on added force after the statement by General Aleksandr Korzhakov, the influential Kremlin security chief, that he is in favour of scrapping next

months polls. In an interview with *The Observer*, the burly Yeltsin confidant and former KGB officer, said that he wanted to call off the elections to avoid bloodshed. "A lot of influential people are in favour of postponing the elections and I am in favour of it too because we need stability," General Korzhakov said during a May Day rally in Moscow.

"If we have the elections, there is no way of avoiding a fight," he said. "If Yeltsin wins, the radical opposition will claim the results were falsified and there will be unrest. If Zyuganov wins, even if he wants to take a centrist line, the same people will not let him and they will scream."

The Kremlin tried to distance itself yesterday from the remarks and said President Yeltsin was committed to holding the elections as planned. He is expected to

meet Mr Zyuganov in the coming days to discuss the matter.

Nevertheless, as polling day approaches an increasing number of top figures in the Kremlin, the intelligence services and the private sector have concluded that a peaceful transfer of power to the Communists is impossible. Many fear that they will be stripped of their wealth and imprisoned in a tide of retribution.

General Korzhakov would be particularly vulnerable. He led the assault team of special forces troops which stormed the Moscow White House in October 1993 and arrested the hardline leaders of the anti-Yeltsin uprising. Many of those same people are today allied to the Communists.

Although the Russian leader could cancel the elections, he must be aware that the consequences would be devastating. For a start, Western leaders have served notice, most recently during the G7 summit in Moscow last month, that they would drop their financial and political backing for his regime if he tried to stay in power illegitimately. At home, such a move would almost certainly lead to bloodshed. Radical nationalist and Communist factions, who now are prepared to take part in the democratic process, would almost certainly resort to violence in an effort to remove President Yeltsin.

Although he can count on the loyalty of an estimated 20,000 carefully chosen troops based in and around the capital, there is a good chance that parts of the armed forces would mutiny and that many regions would cease to recognise the Kremlin's authority.

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sent a strong signal to Moscow that the separatist leadership is not yet ready to reopen negotiations with Moscow, in spite of an offer from President Yeltsin last week to travel to the republic and meet the secessionist movement later this month.

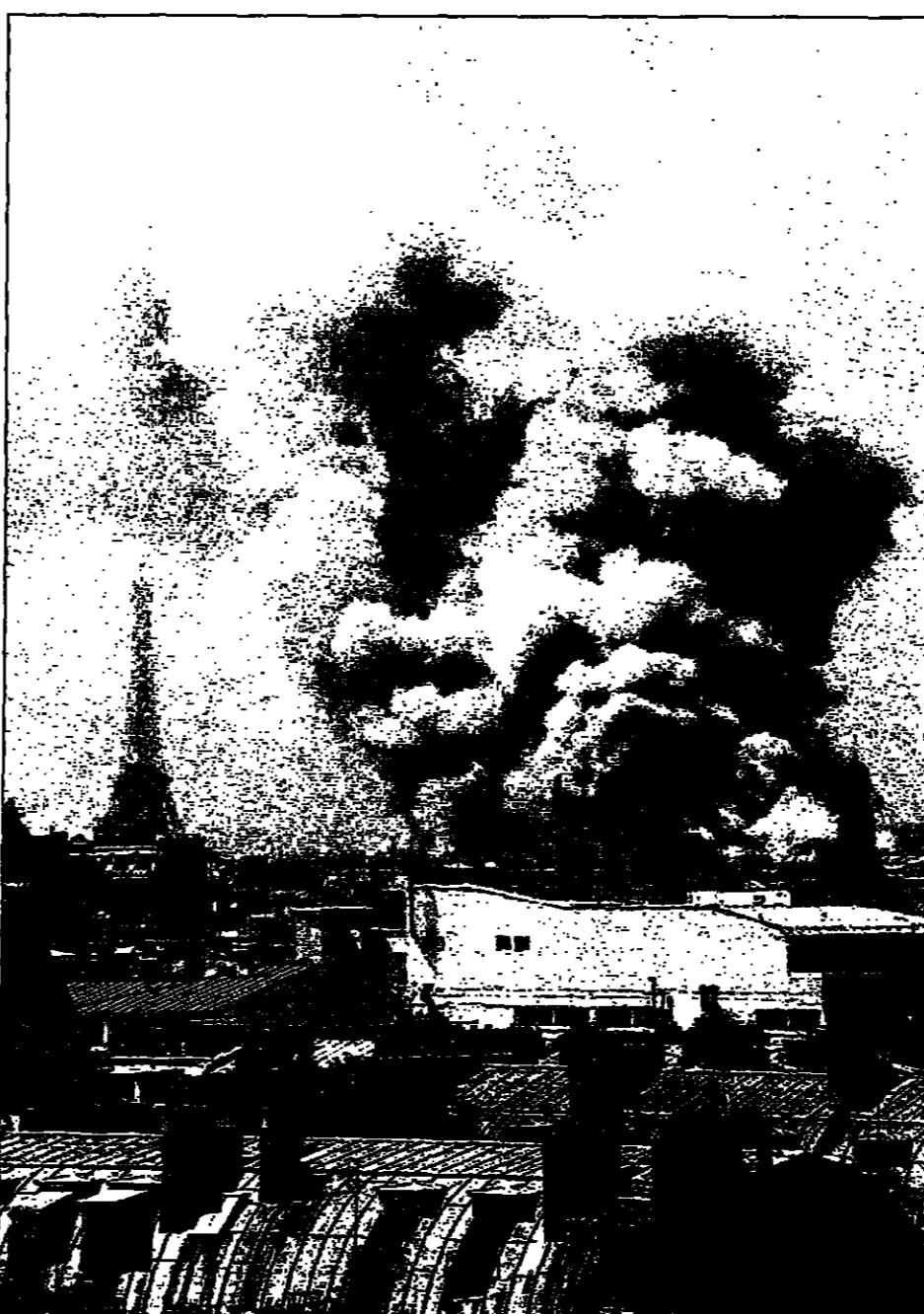
Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the newly-appointed Chechen rebel leader, who replaced Dzhokhar Dudayev after his death last month, yesterday set two new preconditions for any talks with the Russians. He insisted that only representatives of the Chechen rebels and the Russians should take part in the dialogue and not the pro-Moscow Chechen Government in Grozny. Mr Yandarbiyev also ruled out contact with any Russian who did not first formally declare that he had taken no part in Dudayev's killing.

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The fire broke out at the building, near the Place de l'Opéra, at 8.30am and 300 firefighters from 23 fire stations around Paris worked until late afternoon to bring the blaze under control.



Thick smoke billows from the burning Crédit Lyonnais building. It took 300 firemen to bring the blaze, which started in a computer room, under control

Fire engulfs French bank

Paris A spectacular fire engulfed the Paris headquarters of the state-owned Crédit Lyonnais bank yesterday, injuring 23 people and sending a thick column of black smoke over the city's skyline that was visible from Versailles, ten miles away (Ben Macintyre writes).

Nineteen firemen and four security guards were treated for smoke inhalation or burns and one person suffered serious facial wounds.

The fire appeared to have started in one of the bank's computer rooms on the first floor, possibly from a short-circuit, and then quickly

spread to the upper floors of the building. Officials said there was no danger of the fire spreading to the refurbished opera house, the Palais Garnier, but occupants of neighbouring buildings were forced to evacuate as clouds of smoke and flames billowed through the windows of the burning bank.

The speed at which the fire spread and the "very big problems" controlling it were due to the age of the building and the lack of fire doors, the fire department said.

Quite apart from its environmental advantages, anything that cools over-heated Parisian motorists is likely to save lives.

Le Figaro described the project to put the wind up Paris as revolutionary, although it remains to be seen how the citizens (and pigeons) of the capital would respond to having fans whirring on their window ledges.

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Aznar names Cabinet and ushers in new era of austerity

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID



José María Aznar, the new Spanish Prime Minister, and his wife Ana Botella in Madrid yesterday

THE leader of the conservative Popular Party was sworn in yesterday as Prime Minister of Spain by King Juan Carlos, ending 13 uninterrupted years of Señor Aznar.

José María Aznar, 43, heads Spain's first elected Government of the Right since the death of General Franco. He succeeds Felipe González who was until yesterday, with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, the longest-serving in Western Europe.

Señor Aznar's path to the Moncloa — Spain's 10 Downing Street — has been an arduous one. The Popular Party won only the narrowest victory in the elections held on March 3 and has been able to form a Government only because of parliamentary support from Catalan, Basque and Canary Islands nationalists.

Although the Canary Islanders pledged him their support from the start, the Catalans and Basques relented

only after wringing considerable concessions from Señor Aznar. Jordi Pujol, the Catalan leader, was able to impose conditions on Señor Aznar almost at will. But the new Prime Minister can now count on 181 deputies in the 350-member house.

The new 14-member Cabinet, which will be announced formally today and will include two deputy prime ministers, comprises four women, two independents and few surprises. Of particular interest to Britain, however, is the appointment of Abel Matutes as Foreign Minister.

This francophile former European Commissioner is expected to press for still greater European integration, suggesting that those analysts who believed that Señor Aznar had Eurosceptic leanings were mistaken. Señor Matutes is also likely to adopt a hard line on Gibraltar. Señor Aznar's new minister in

charge of agriculture and fisheries, another area where Anglo-Spanish relations are often sour, will be Lluís de Palacio, a hard-headed lawyer from the Right of the party. She, too, is unlikely to prove conciliatory over fishing disputes.

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Dole broadside at Clinton deflected by party feuding

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE, the Republican presidential challenger, launched his harshest attack yet on President Clinton at the weekend, but his criticism was largely eclipsed by two rows within his own party.

Ralph Reed, head of the Christian Coalition, incensed social conservatives by suggesting softening the party's official commitment to a constitutional amendment banning all abortions.

Alfonse D'Amato, Mr Dole's campaign co-chairman, accused Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, of damaging Mr Dole and the party by pushing an extreme agenda.

As the Republicans quarreled, Mr Clinton sought to consolidate his support among centrist voters by announcing measures to end welfare benefits to teenage mothers who refuse to live at home or finish school. Mr Dole, who trails Mr Clinton by 20 points, finally came out swinging with a speech in

New York in which he accused his rival of leading America down "the dangerous road of weakness and stagnation".

For once sticking to his prepared text, Mr Dole said Mr Clinton had presided over a "short, sad interlude of American waffling and weakness in world affairs" which had "telegraphed indecision and weakness to the world".

Mr Dole said Mr Clinton's vetoes of Republican welfare reforms, tax cuts and budget plans made him "the rear-guard of big government and the welfare state, the champion of the Great Society status quo". The President "talked conservatively while walking knee-deep in the swamps of liberalism, and it doesn't bother him a bit. He will look you in the eye and tell you exactly what you want to hear."

Aides said the speech marked a new phase in the campaign, but its impact was blunted by the Republicans' internal dissension. Social

conservatives accused Mr Reed of "singing up the white flag of surrender" after he suggested rewriting the party's divisive platform so it did not explicitly demand all abortions be made illegal.

Mr Reed argued that a constitutional amendment could not be achieved presently and said that Republicans should focus on other anti-abortion measures. Mr Reed is a Dole supporter, and some conservatives saw his views as part of a wider plot to free the party's presidential challenger from a platform anathema to many moderate voters.

Conservatives suspected that Senator D'Amato, who accompanied Mr Dole to New York, was also doing his bidding by repudiating the unpopular Gingrich "revolution" and accusing the House Speaker of pushing an agenda that left the Republicans looking merciless.

A Gingrich spokesman called Senator D'Amato "utterly wrong".



Gamaa al-Islamiya members gesture from a prison van after they were jailed by a Cairo court yesterday

Egyptian militants sentenced to death

A CAIRO court sentenced three Islamic militants to death yesterday and imprisoned 19 for up to 25 years for killing police officers and belonging to the illegal Gamaa al-Islamiya group trying to topple the Egyptian Government (Our Foreign

Staff writes). Khaled Ibrahim Omar, recognised as Gamaa's spiritual leader, was jailed for 15 years. Seven defendants were acquitted. The accused sang and chanted before the court session began. Also yesterday, Cairo police arrested an un-

named Egyptian who allegedly spied for Russia and Iraq.

□ Algerian poll: President Zeroual of Algeria has announced parliamentary elections for early next year and called a conference on constitutional reforms.

Red Cross team see hostages

Jakarta: Four British hostages and seven others, being held by separatists in Indonesia's Irian Jaya, were visited yesterday by a Red Cross official and a doctor. No details were given. It was the first time since March 27 the scientists, seized on January 8, had been seen by outsiders. An April visit was prevented by bad weather. One Dutch hostage, Marith Klein, is seven months pregnant. (Reuters)

Day of mourning

Port Louis: Mauritius has declared today a day of mourning following the death of Sir Gaëtan Duval, a former Foreign Minister and the *enfant terrible* of Mauritian politics (Scott Straus writes).

Dahmer sale

New York: The possessions of Jeffrey Dahmer, who murdered and ate 17 young men before he was beaten to death in jail, may be sold on the Internet to raise compensation for his victims' families.

Bodies inquiry

Hong Kong: President Ramos of the Philippines has ordered an inquiry into disclosures that squabbling undertakers mutilated and even lost many of the 162 victims of the Ozone discotheque fire last March.

Florentine heretic finds a champion

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

PLANS are being made to beatify Girolamo Savonarola, the moralistic scourge of corrupt 15th-century Florence whose name became a byword for fire and brimstone puritanism and who was executed for heresy.

Members of the Dominican Order, to which Savonarola belonged, announced a campaign to have the excommunication of the famous "prophet of anti-corruption" overturned. Father Armando Verde, a Dominican scholar in Pistoia who has made a life study of Savonarola and has put all his sermons on computer, said the aim was to rehabilitate Savonarola in time for the 500th anniversary of his death in two years' time.

Savonarola's thunderous anathemas on corruption and abuse of power by the Medici family have powerful resonances in modern Italy. Memories are still fresh of the *Mani pulite* (Clean hands) anti-corruption campaign by magistrates in Milan which brought down the discredited Christian Democrats in 1992 after a near monopoly of power lasting four decades.

The chief architect of "Clean hands", Antonio Di Pietro, apparently has agreed to serve as a minister in the centre-left Government of Romano Prodi when the new parliament convenes in Rome this week.

Father Verde said the legacy of Savonarola was clearly of direct relevance to the moral impulse that lay behind the Left's election victory two

Israel and PLO open talks with optimism

By ROSS DUNN
IN JERUSALEM
AND MICHAEL BINYON

ISRAELI and Palestinian negotiators last night began talks aimed at reaching a final settlement to their conflict as a first step towards a comprehensive Middle East peace accord.

The talks will focus on the Palestinian demand for an independent state based on the territories of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank but with Jerusalem as its capital.

Officials from both sides say the meeting will discuss the agenda for what will be arduous negotiations which could drag on for years, to settle the most complicated aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The topics include the future of Jerusalem, Palestinian refugees, Jewish settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, security, borders and economic co-operation. Access to water will also be discussed.

The Israeli Government and the Palestine Liberation Organisation have given themselves up to three years to complete what they have labelled final status negotiations. The meeting is the last chapter in a process which began with the signing of a declaration of principles in September 1993 on the lawns of the White House.

On the eve of the meeting, Uri Savir, Israel's chief peace negotiator, expressed confidence that Palestinians and Israelis would succeed in creating a lasting peace. The Palestinian team, led by Mahmoud Abbas, also expressed cautious optimism.

In Cairo, Susanna Agnelli, the Italian Foreign Minister, heading an European Union delegation to the Middle East, said yesterday the world had wronged Lebanon over last month's Israeli attacks. She also agreed with Egypt that the United States had bent too far towards Israel in its attempt to mediate during the fighting.

Her outspoken criticism of American "bias" has embarrassed Italy's European Union partners and is likely to provoke strong resentment in Washington and in Israel.

General Amnon Shahak, the Israeli Army Chief of Staff, admitted that some of his artillery gunners who shelled a United Nations camp in south Lebanon last month had made "some errors". At a Cabinet meeting, he rejected a UN report that members of his force had deliberately targeted the compound, killing 102 refugees.

□ Manama: Explosions triggered by booby-trapped cigarette packets rocked local and foreign firms across Bahrain before dawn yesterday, causing millions of dollars in damage but no injuries. A government official last night denounced the attacks as "terrorist acts". (AFP)

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Battles put Natal elections at risk

FROM INIGO GILMORE
IN JOHANNESBURG

EMERGENCY talks were held at the weekend by President Mandela after a gun battle between policemen and Zulus in Durban threatened to disrupt plans for local government elections in South Africa's KwaZulu/Natal province this month.

Three policemen and 20 other people were injured on Saturday when the police fought running gun battles with marchers among 7,000 Zulus who descended on the city to protest against the ban on carrying traditional weapons in public.

Soon after a memorandum was handed in at the city hall, gunfire broke out from the crowd, sending people running for cover. Police officers chased demonstrators carrying automatic weapons and searched for a sniper in an arcade. Hundreds of shoppers fled in panic and shopkeepers barricaded their doors.

President Mandela was reported to be extremely concerned about the incident on the eve of today's "super Cabinet" meeting of ministers, deputy ministers and party leaders to decide whether local elections should go ahead in the province on May 29. The South African leader summoned senior security officials to talk on Saturday evening hours after armoured troop carriers rolled into a barricaded Durban city centre.

The ANC in KwaZulu/Natal argues that free and fair elections are not possible because of endemic violence creating "no-go" areas for its candidates and a defective electoral register. Although nobody disputes that its arguments have substance, Inkatha, the former ruling National Party and the Democratic Party, as well as most of the task force appointed by Mr Mandela to investigate the holding of elections, all want the poll to go ahead.

Thousands flee by ship as Monrovia set ablaze

FROM REUTER IN MONROVIA

THE centre of the Liberian capital was ablaze yesterday after ethnic Krahn fighters pushed out of their barracks to the back at Charles Taylor's forces.

Witnesses said the Krahn caught and killed five of General Taylor's fighters at the top of the main Benson Street thoroughfare, shooting some through the head, cutting the throats of others. Four bodies lay in a courtyard, while one was in the gutter outside with the ears cut off.

The Krahn pushed up to the Mamba Point district, reaching the Graystone compound, five minutes' walk from US Embassy, where US Marines fired on fighters on Tuesday.

One squad of about 30 Krahn fighters — most in flak jackets, some in women's wigs — were accompanied by a small boy naked except for an assault rifle.

Passengers crammed on every available surface sang the national hymn as a tug pulled the boat out of harbour. A tarpaulin rigged up on deck offered some shade, but most people were standing in the blazing tropical sun, with no room to sit.

The voyage to Accra was expected to take at least four days and passengers had only the food and water they could carry with them.

Thousands of people have spent several days at the port trying to find boats to take them out. Nigerian peacekeepers guarding the port made no attempt to intervene in the chaos.

Augustin Dalieh, a diver, said he had inspected the ship in November and found the cooling system was not working properly and a hole in the hull was mended only with emergency putty.

"It's risky, but we might as well take the risk. There is a chance of survival," said Eugene Fahmong, who was trying to evacuate members of a church group called African Christian Fellowship International.

Negotiators said at the weekend that they had persuaded General Taylor to agree to a ceasefire following Mr Johnson's departure for the Accra peace talks.

But General Taylor, who launched the civil war from Ivory Coast in 1989, promptly denied all knowledge of any truce and said he would not attend the talks, despite pressure from the United States.

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crammed with 2,000 Liberians fleeing fighting in the capital meanwhile sailed from Monrovia to Ghana yesterday. Hundreds of people who said they had paid for tickets said they had paid for tickets were unable to board and were left on the quay.

Passengers crammed on every available surface sang the national hymn as a tug pulled the boat out of harbour. A tarpaulin rigged up on deck offered some shade, but most people were standing in the blazing tropical sun, with no room to sit.

The voyage to Accra was expected to take at least four days and passengers had only the food and water they could carry with them.

Thousands of people have spent several days at the port trying to find boats to take them out. Nigerian peacekeepers guarding the port made no attempt to intervene in the chaos.

Augustin Dalieh, a diver, said he had inspected the ship in November and found the cooling system was not working properly and a hole in the hull was mended only with emergency putty.

"It's risky, but we might as well take the risk. There is a chance of survival," said Eugene Fahmong, who was trying to evacuate members of a church group called African Christian Fellowship International.

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A Mer fisherman with his catch taken from seas off the tiny island in the Torres Strait which the islanders are claiming as their own

Australian islanders reclaim sea rights

FROM DAVID BENTLEY ON MER IN THE TORRES STRAIT

INHABITANTS of Mer, whose successful land claim spawned an avalanche of native title actions, have now set their sights on the waters which surround their tiny palm fringed island off northern Australia.

The claim has the potential to reshape the Australian coastline, particularly in the sparsely populated north where traditional hunting grounds impinge on the Great Barrier Reef, a prime tourist attraction.

Home to high priests and sorcerers of the powerful Malo-Bomai cult, Mer has long been troublesome for white intruders. The Royal Navy captain who sighted it in 1791, renaming it Murray Island, lost his ship, HMS Pandora, on the coral shortly afterwards.

Commercial fishermen seeking coral trout in the reefs around Mer are chased away by island warriors in aluminium dinghies. "Our ancestors were not afraid to

fight guns with bows and arrows," Ron Day, a sea-rights campaigner, said when reminded that fishing boat skippers carry guns.

Business logic underpins the aggressive attitude. Most islanders have seen the ravages of over-fishing in other parts of the Torres Strait. They hope to conserve their marine resources in support of a commercial fishing venture begun three years ago, financed by the islanders and seen as their best hope for self-sufficiency.

Peter Gebhardt, a Melbourne barrister engaged to prepare the island's sea claim for the Native Titles Tribunal, points to ancient fish traps on the tidal flats, first noted by the explorer Matthew Flinders in 1802, and the complex system of ownership of reefs and sand banks among the island's eight clans.

"This sea belonged to our grandfathers and their grandfathers in the before-time," James Bon, another sea-rights activist, said. "We protect it. We look after it."

Ownership of the sea, even presumed ownership, has given Murray islanders a vested interest in protecting their marine garden. News that neighbouring Papua New Guineans have been illegally netting dugong on a nearby reef, once a matter of indifference, now elicits an angry response.

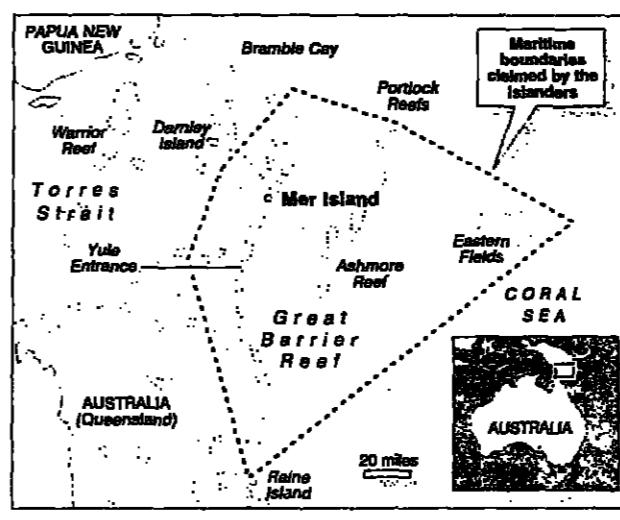
There is outrage, too, that Indonesians have established soup canning factories along the green turtles' migratory route, particularly in the light of the islanders' decision to restrict turtle and dugong slaughter to ceremonial occasions.

"Our people are coming back to fishing, and the more they come back in, the more fishing grounds we need," Mr Bon said. "We want to live like we did before."

Victimised by marauding adventurers for decades, the islanders welcomed the protection of the London Missionary Society in 1872. Early converts included Aet Passi, a priest of the Malo cult who, having been taught by the missionaries to read and write, used his new skill to record ancient stories.

The hereditary line continues with the Rev Dave Passi, Mer's Anglican priest, whose expanded vision of Christianity embraces precepts of the Malo-Bomai cult.

Asked about sea rights, Mr Passi said: "For an islander like myself, it's part of my heritage. The water, the cosmos, the reefs ... we have names for all our reefs and sand banks."



Tasmania gunman moved to jail

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY



Bryant: target of death threats

MARTIN BRYANT, accused of last week's mass murder of 35 people in Tasmania, was transferred from hospital to a top security jail yesterday.

Bryant, 28, is being held in an isolated intensive care unit within Hobart's Risdon prison. He will be under 24-hour video surveillance to guard him from the threat of attack by other inmates.

Bryant, who is suffering from burns to his back, left the Royal Hobart Hospital in an ambulance escorted by police vehicles. His departure came after mounting concern among those patients who survived the slaughter.

Hospital sources said some of the casualties were "considerably traumatised" by their close proximity to him.

Employees were also worried by the number of threatening telephone calls made to the hospital. Bomb hoaxes have forced the evacuation of staff and some

patients on several occasions. A police spokesman said: "It is hoped that hospital staff can now begin the task of concentrating on their normal duties and caring for the injured without the distraction of threatening phone calls."

Yesterday, church bells tolled across Tasmania as several hundred people, including many grieving relatives turned up at Port Arthur to mourn those who perished at the killer's hands. But as Australia's sorrow turns to anger, the question of how last weekend's massacre was allowed to happen is paramount. There is growing evidence that Bryant slipped through the social services net and twice evaded police investigation.

He was once accused of shoplifting in the Broad Arrow Café where 20 people were killed. He was later banned from traveling by bus to Port Arthur: one of last Sunday's victims was a coach driver.

West Africa oil dispute worsens

Nairobi: Nigeria and neighbouring Cameroon looked set yesterday for a military clash in a dispute over ownership of the oil-rich Bakassi peninsula (Sam Kiley writes).

The border dispute has lasted for decades. Analysts said any clash would divert domestic opinion away from the failing governments in both countries.

Because a French firm is exploring oil reserves on the peninsula the dispute also threatens to involve France, which currently has a defence agreement with Cameroon.

CHASED from their offices, restaurants and cinemas by ever stricter smoking bans, America's smokers now are being pursued onto the pavement and into the local park.

The campaign against passive smoking, which the Government blames for 3,000 cases of lung cancer each year, is spreading to the Great Outdoors. Towns and cities have begun to institute no-smoking rules in open-air sporting arenas, beaches, playgrounds and even parks.

The industry-financed Tobacco Institute denounces the trend as "tobacco apartheid" and compares it to Prohibition.

The National Smokers' Alliance has taken out newspaper advertisements condemning anti-smoking activists as "lifestyle police".

While smoking has been banned in many large state parks for years because of the danger of forest fires, the new laws are driven simply by citizens' desire for fresh air.

The movement began when a toddler in a small town of Sharon, Massachusetts, picked up a cigarette butt at the local beach and tried to eat it. Her mother launched a successful crusade to get

smoking banned in any municipal recreational area.

Several towns in New Jersey have followed suit. The most sweeping ban is in the health-conscious cities of Davis and Palo Alto, California, where laws make it illegal to stop and smoke in the centre of either city, although an exception allows people to smoke as long as they keep walking.

Figures indicate that about 26 per cent of Americans now smoke, compared with 40 per cent in 1964. According to one opinion poll, about two-thirds of Americans support a ban on outdoor smoking.

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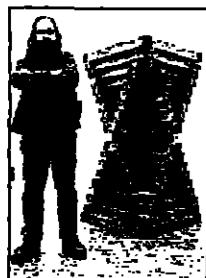
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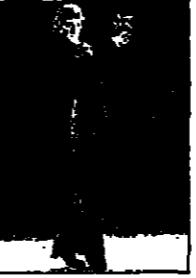


■ VISUAL ART
Carl Andre, of Tate bricks fame, exhibits his work at Oxford's Museum of Modern Art
OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow



■ THEATRE
Felicity Kendal stars in Feydeau's *Mind Millie for Me*, at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket
OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday

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■ DANCE
Antonio Gades, the maestro of flamenco, brings his danced version of *Carmen* to Sadler's Wells
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REVIEW: Thursday



■ MUSIC
Lion on the keys: the dazzling Russian pianist Yevgeny Kissin plays at the Festival Hall
CONCERT: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

LONDON

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK: The band's delicate acoustic sound comes tonight with a performance by the ambivalent a cappella group. Borrowing the best from blues, jazz, gospel and African traditions, and combining it with rap and doo-wop, the group weaves an electrifying musical tapestry of black American roots music. The Hope Street Barbers, 5th Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891), 7.30pm [5]

LEE KOMITZ: Return tonight of the 68-year-old folkie who has been described one of the most significant influences in the development of "modern jazz". Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747), Tonight-Sat. Club opens 8.30pm

BBC YOUNG MUSICIANS' EXTRAVAGANZA: A nationwide series of music-making events starts this evening with the BBC Young Jazz Holiday Music Day. As well as bringing together some of the year's BBC Young Musician finalists and participants from the earlier workshops there are events open to all aspiring young musicians. South Bank, (Parses House, Queen Elizabeth Hall), SE1 (0171-960 4242), Rd 3pm-9.30pm

NUREMBERG: Extracts from the transcripts of the Nazi war crimes trial, and focusing on the testimony of Goering, Rosenberg, Keitel, Speer,

Beckert, (Parses House, Queen Elizabeth Hall), SE1 (0171-960 4242), Rd 3pm-9.30pm

DEE CONWAY

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marti Harries

Nicolas Kent's major production is preceded by Responses; plays set in Ham, Rwanda, and ex-Yugoslavia.

EDINBURGH: David Allens fizzily choreographed award-winning tap duo Hot Shoe Shuffle, arrives for one-off festival plot to make them ready up for another night of toe-tapping fun of spectacular tap dancing and big band sounds. Festival Theatre, Nicolson Street (0131-523 0000), Tonight-Sat., 7.30pm; mat. Sun., 2.30pm [5]

NEWBURY: Welcome return to the year's Spring Festival of the Jacques Loussier Trio, plus an interpretation of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach continues to thrill audiences world-wide.

The Corn Exchange, Market Place (01635 522331), 7.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES: Contemporary Prints Shows Part 2 (0171-538 4141); National Gallery; Old Master paintings from Rome's Doria Pamphilj (0171-730 1747); National Portrait Gallery; David Livingstone, and the Victorian Encounter with Africa (0171-306 0055); Royal Academy; Gustave Courbet (0171-539 7459)... Tales, Masters Duration (0171-937 0001) ... (0171-938 9500)

■ BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH

Awards-winning first play yet another Irish prodigy: Jimmy Murphy's comic tragedy of three Dublin house painters ptiffling about each other in their dormitory during a Society of Friends Co-production directed by Rough Magic's Lynne Parker.

Art, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-638 5354), Mon-Sat., 7.45pm; mat. Wed. and Sat., 8.15pm, until June 5

■ COMPANY: Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sandham's biherser musical on marriage, pro and contra. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-638 5354), Mon-Sat., 7.45pm; mat. Wed. and Sat., 8.15pm

■ THE DESIGNATED MOURNER: Mike Nichols, Miranda Richardson and David de Lury in fascinating talk-play by Wallace Shawn, set, we gradually learn, in a future平行宇宙.

Almeida, Swan Theatre, Bank, SE1 (0171-228 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm; mat. tomorrow, 4pm [5]

■ AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Rose as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Eddie Kohler as the pliers of justice. Savoy, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085), Mon-Fri., 7.45pm; Sat., 8.15pm; mat. Wed. 2.30pm, Sat., 5pm

■ A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC: Elegant and successful production by Sean Mathias of Sondheim's Swedish

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only

■ Seats at all prices

■ The Widow, Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-536 9987) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed. 2.30pm [5]

■ TOMMY: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apothecary to prison weird. Loads of electronic ticks and whirs. Royal Court, Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-539 5389) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed. and Sat. 4pm [5]

■ TWELVE ANGRY MEN: Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and others in a gripping drama

play by the Israel Folger in Ian Judge's production from last year's

play. Arising performances in a soft-focused view of the play.

■ THE TAMING OF THE SHREW: Jessie Lawrence and Michael Sherry two of the few good things in this peculiar, OTT production.

Barbican, Barbican, EC2 (0171-638 5300), Mon-Sat., 7.45pm. In rep with Romeo and Juliet [5]

■ SALAD DAYS: Welcome return of Julian Sands' tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulgaris and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that also includes Kit and

charmer Judi Dench. Patricia Hodge, Sean Phillips and Lambent Wilson among the Widows, Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-536 9987) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed. 2.30pm [5]

■ THE TAMEST OF THEM ALL: The Widow, Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-536 9987) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed. 2.30pm [5]

■ LONG RUNNERS

■ Blood Brothers, Phoenix (0171-359 1729) 5.30pm-6.30pm, Fri-Sun. (0171-405 0792) ... Don't Dance for Dinner, Duchess (0171-504 5070) ... Fiddler on the Roof, Drury Lane (0171-524 1217) ... The Vicar of Dibley, Victoria (0171-359 1734) ... Miles Salomon, Drury Lane (0171-404 5400) ... Starlight Express, Victoria (0171-359 1735) ... The Mikado, Adelphi (0171-344 0056) ... Miles Salomon, Drury Lane (0171-494 5400).

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

■ CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and elsewhere

Indicated with the symbol () on release across the country

■ director Josiane Balasko MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

HEAT (19): LA detective Al Pacino tries to catch Robert De Niro's crooks.

Excellent epicure drama from writer-director Brian Helgeland. Warner (0171-437 4343)

■ NELLY AND MONSIEUR ARNAUD (PG): Claude Sautet's marvellously subtle tale about an older man and a younger woman, with Michel Serrault and Emmanuelle Béart.

Comedy, Curzon (0171-359 1720) Somers/Baker (0171-535 2772)

NORTH BY NORTHWEST (PG): Cary Grant is mistaken for a non-existent spy. Welcome revival of Hitchcock's playful, enthralling thriller (1959). MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1927)

■ RICHARD III (15): Shakespeare updated to the 1930s Dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen and Judi Dench (0171-498 9981) Chapman Picture House (0171-498 9232)

Curzon, West End (0171-536 7222)

GATE (1971-227 4043) MGM (0171-5069 0235) ... (0171-524 0025) ... (0171-524 0026) ... (0171-524 0027) Screen on the Hill (0171-737 2121) Screen on the Hill (0171-435 3369)

■ CITY HALL (15): Something's rotten in the city of Chicago, even if Al Pacino's Mayor Wadsworth does nothing with John Cusack and Bridget Fonda. MGM (0171-434 0031) Odysseus/Kershaw (0171-914 6669) States Cinema (0171-228 9408) UCI (0171-437 3322) Warner West End (0171-437 4343)

■ MANIC DEPRESSION (15): Gloom, merriment and Jekyll and Hyde seen through the eyes of Julia Roberts' household. With John Malkovich. Director: Stephen Frears. MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-636 6279)

■ REBECCA (PG): Joan Fontaine reprises Laurence Olivier but has to live with the memory of her first wife as well. Witnessed relief of Hitchcock's judicious melodrama, made in 1939. Everywoman (0171-435 0001)

■ FRENCH TWIST (18): Josie French faces with a lesbian angle from writer-

Fay (0171-737 2121)

■ THEATRE CALLS

"THRILLING... MUST BE SEEN" D.M.

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comedy drama from new director Gary Flader. Andy Garcia leads the cast.

■ BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH (15): New production of the classic British comedy.

■ STARLIGHT EXPRESS (15): The most exciting musical since the days of the Rat Pack.

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■ DUNHILL LANE THEATRE ROYAL, SE1 (0171-536 5026) 5.30pm-6.30pm, Sat. Even 6.30pm-7.30pm, Sun. 2.30pm-3pm

■ APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH (15): White knight saves six girls from 45 days.

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CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO OLD TRAFFORD FOR THE THIRD TIME IN FOUR YEARS



May begins to celebrate as his header beats Walsh, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, and the despairing Branco to give Manchester United the lead at the Riverside Stadium. Photograph: Rui Viera

United seal their title deeds

Middlesbrough 0
Manchester United 3

By ROB HUGHES

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER United won their third FA Carling Premiership trophy in four seasons with such accomplished ease yesterday that, long before half-time, their supporters were up on their feet, dancing the conga in front of their designated seats.

Ryan Giggs, inducing the first two goals with his magician's ability to bend corner kicks and then finishing off the display with a virtuoso goal of his own, had fully justified the pre-match observation of Bryan Robson, who wrote in the programme: "In recent weeks Eric Cantona has deservedly won the plaudits with his match-winning goals. But I feel the real man of the moment has been Giggs, with a series of outstanding performances over the last ten games."

Some prophet, Robson. After all, he had spent 13 years as a Manchester United player. But, to show the shortcomings of his prophecy, he had also predicted: "I am confident my knowledge of all the lads will help me to plan their downfall."

He could not do that from the trainer's bench. Alex Ferguson, his former mentor, had poured so much knowledge into a United team that seems to get younger and younger, had instilled his own brand of fire and desire, so much so that, at the age of 54, he has become the eighth man to manage a team to three English league titles. Given his three championships with Aberdeen north of the border,

he more than deserved his share of the idolatry that came from the 2,700 Manchurians who were present. They were so vociferous that they drowned the noise from the Middlesbrough fanatics among the 29,921 crowd.

Ferguson, his club blazer damp with champagne, said afterwards: "What has delighted me has been the determination. We simply couldn't make any mistakes since December and winning 16 out of 17 games has been quite exceptional."

"When you look at our side, it's a bonus that so many of them are so young. Ryan Giggs is just 22 and he has three championship medals. It's not just about the young players, but they stayed in there the whole time, they've always been available to me, which says a lot for them."

He was told that Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, had, in contrast to his emotional outburst last Monday, been complimentary about the team which had finished four points clear at

the top of the Premiership. Ferguson agreed that the crucial game had been Manchester United's win at home against Newcastle just before Christmas, and he added: "I feel for Newcastle, especially for their unique supporters. I think they have had a fantastic season and when we went up there, there was no bitterness, no chanting at us... a unique support. You have to feel sad for such passionate people."

As it turned out, United did not need to win, for Newcastle could only draw 1-1 with Tottenham Hotspur. In any case, however, Middlesbrough threatened only for a moment or two. Juninho danced, sometimes indulgently and sometimes with a skill so sharp and so quick that Irwin and Pallister were booked for their efforts to subdue him.

With barely a minute of the match gone, Juninho fell but somehow managed to scoop the ball up into the goalmouth, where Fjorfoft should at least have headed on target, but

miskinned from six yards. Barnby was later to be equally profligate when again Juninho had opened United's defence. But that was the token offering of the home team: Middlesbrough never looked likely to be only the second team in 22 league and cup games to defeat Ferguson's side.

In the thirteenth minute, United struck. Giggs had taken a corner from the right, arching the ball knowingly towards the far post, where David May, after such a long struggle to become a recognised United defender, rose unimpeded to head the ball. It cleared the goalline. Branco made an attempt to force it away, but managed only to strike the underside of the bar and the ball came down again, clearly over the line. It had been a year almost to the day that May had last scored a goal.

The other two scorers are more familiar masters of the art. Andy Cole had come off the substitutes' bench to replace Scholes in the 52nd

minute. He scored with his first touch, again after a corner from Giggs, and this time Cole, with all the instincts of a predator, with all the touch and finesse that had escaped him of late, calmly hooked the ball gently over his shoulder from a position almost beneath the crossbar. The awareness that blessed him then was gone when, twice, Giggs outpaced Cox and offered inviting centres, the first of which Cole failed to reach; the second he missed.

But by now the revelry was high. Instead of directing their songs and their voices at the players who were winning the title for them once again, the United songsters chorused ecstatically, but loudly, their joy that Manchester City were sinking out of the Premiership.

Those United supporters, some of whom had allegedly paid over £200 for a ticket, also had mocking tunes for

Keegan, but at least, and at last, they came up with an air for the day: "We're gonna lay down our weary head, down by the riverside."

And the Riverside Stadium was finally to see a goal that brought a standing ovation from the whole crowd. Giggs was 35 yards out when he followed his flight of fantasy. He skipped past one tackle and advanced with the ball towards the edge of the box. Then, as if shooting a sitting duck, he arrogantly used the outside of his left foot to swerve the ball teasingly out of the reach of Gary Walsh, a goalkeeper he had grown up with at The Cliff, the United training ground.

Cantona, the sorcerer among the apprentices, had been quiet, no doubt conserving something for the FA Cup Final next Saturday. The winning of that, in conjunction with the championship, would put Ferguson even further up the table of great British managers. It would also, apparently, lead to the sharing out of a bonus pool of £2 million, or £100,000 per man and boy in the United squad.

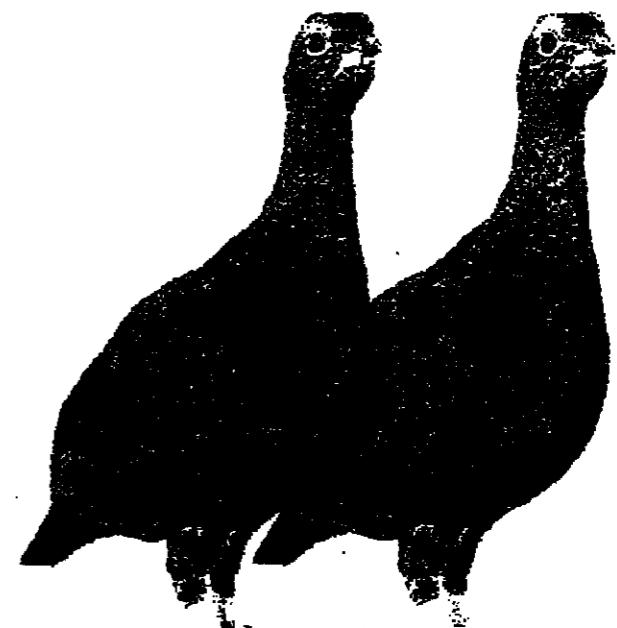
United were welcomed to the stadium by a band of pipers, but Ferguson hardly needed those strains, or the lifting of the clouds that brought bright sunlight to the crowning glory. This will not be the last hurrah of his team, no matter what resistance Liverpool put up at Wembley six days from now.

MIDDLESBROUGH (2-2-1): G. Walsh — D. Whyte, S. Vickery, N. Pearson — N. Cox, J. Pollock (sub: P. Stans, 59min), R. Musto, S. Branco (sub: A. Cole, 72) — N. Barnby, Juninho — A. Fjorfoft.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P. Schmeichel — D. Irwin, D. May, G. Pallister, P. Neville — D. Beckham, R. Keane, N. Butt, R. Giggs — P. Scholes (sub: A. Cole, 52), E. Cantona.

Referee: P. Durkin.

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Champions	Endsleigh Division One	Division Two	Division Three
Manchester United	Champions	Swindon Town	Champions
Into Europe	Also promoted	Also promoted	Preston North End
Newcastle United	Derby County	Play-off semi-finalists	Also promoted
Liverpool	Two legs: May 12 & 15	Two legs: May 12 & 15	Gillingham
Aston Villa	Charlton v Crystal Palace	Bradford City	Bury
Arsenal	Leicester v Stoke City	Crewe Alexandra v Notts County	Play-off semi-finalists
Relegated	Final: Wednesday May 27	Final: Wednesday May 27	Two legs: May 12 & 15
Manchester City	Millwall	Copthorpe United v Plymouth Argyle	Copthorpe United v Plymouth Argyle
Queens Park Rangers	Watford	Hereford United v Darlington	Hereford United v Darlington
Bolton Wanderers	Luton Town	Final: Wednesday May 27	Final: Wednesday May 27

(Liverpool qualify for Cup
Winners' Cup entries in
Uefa Cup)

Endsleigh Division One

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Relegated	York City or Carlisle United	Hereford United v Darlington	Hereford United v Darlington
Millwall	Swansea City v Hull City	Final: Wednesday May 27	Final: Wednesday May 27
Watford	Brighton and Hove Albion	Relegated	Relegated
Luton Town	(Stay up because Stevenage Boro are ineligible for promotion from Vauxhall Conference)	Torquay United*	Torquay United*

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Championship pacemaker finds new winning strategy to extend lead

Hill victory shatters Ferrari dream

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN IMOLA

AN ITALIAN television presenter knelt in the grass beside the grid a few minutes before the start of yesterday's San Marino Grand Prix and picked a daisy to give to Michael Schumacher. He took it with a smile and thousands of Ferrari fans in the grandstands behind him roared their approval. Flower-power and the loss of fond illusions often go hand in hand.

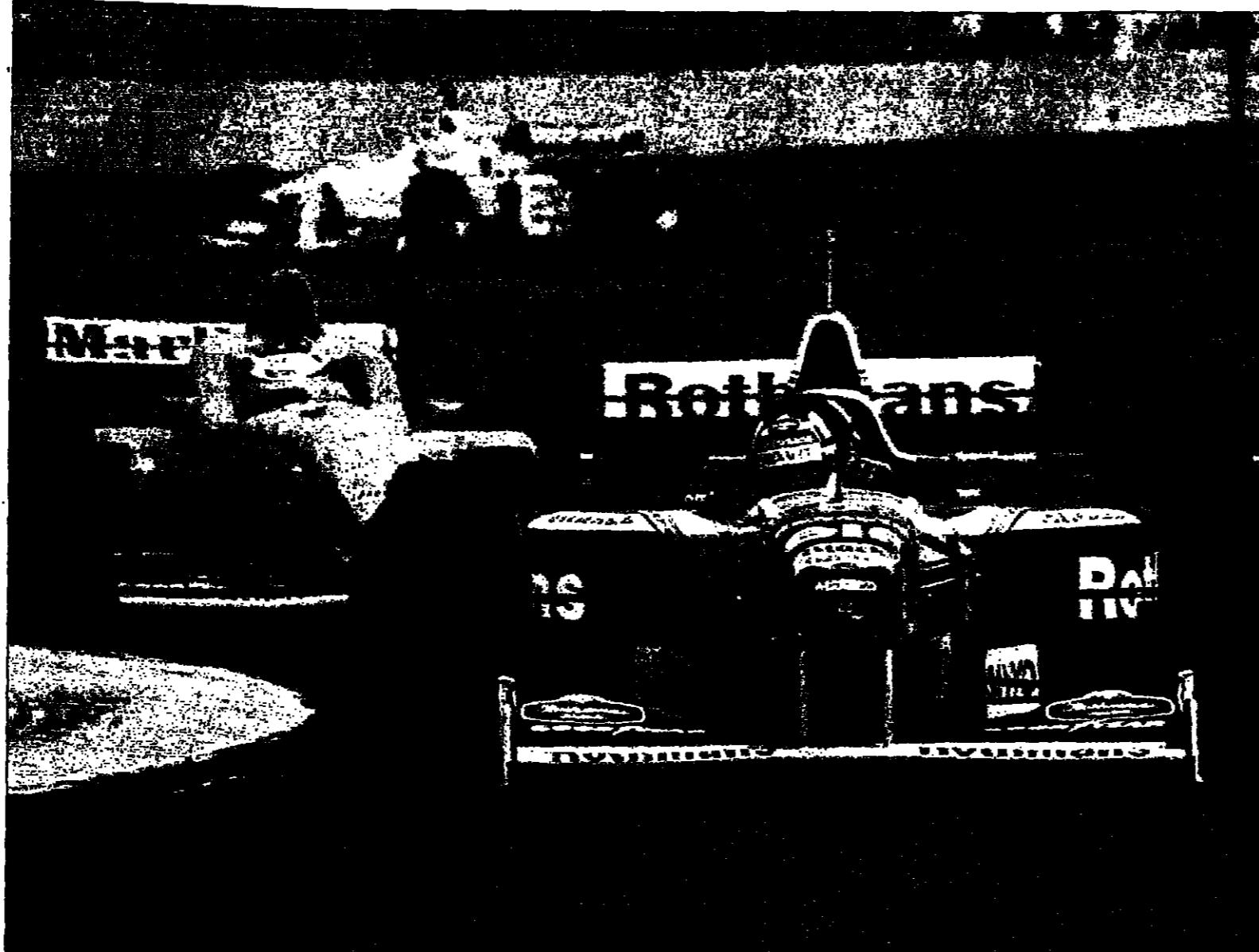
For a blissful 24 hours after the world champion had stolen pole position from the Williams-Renault of Damon Hill on Saturday afternoon, all Italy had prayed that Schumacher would become the first Ferrari driver to win here since Patrick Tambay 13 years ago. Their klaxons blared in the night and when dawn broke on the hillside above the Rivazza curve, many were still clutching wine bottles as they emerged from their makeshift shelters.

By the time the race started, they may even have been convinced that Hill was not the same man who had won the first three grands prix of this season. Perhaps they believed that the vulnerability he showed last year was about to be triggered again by the hiccough that was his fourth place at the Nürburgring in the European Grand Prix eight days ago. Hill, though, was about to play Lyndon B Johnson to new dreams.

Even if he did not lead from start to finish, even if he never overtook Schumacher on the track, he drove with a maturity and patience that might have evaded him last year. One need only look at Jean Alesi, sliding around like a learner on a skidpan in his Benetton-Renault, to see that Hill's car control, too, was beyond compare. When he is driving like this, the passions behind Ferrari — that they are a lot more competitive than Schumacher would have us all believe — do not matter a jot.

So even though the world champion overtook him on the second lap and David Coulthard, who had started like a bullet from a gun again, led for the first third of the race, Hill bided his time and let his driving and the pit-stop strategy hatched between him and the Williams' designer, Adrian Newey, take their toll. In the end, it was almost easy.

He claimed the seventeenth victory of his career by more



Hill takes an early lead over Schumacher, the world champion, on his way to a brilliant victory at Imola yesterday. Photograph: Paolo Cocco

than 16 seconds from Schumacher, who drove his car so hard and so furiously that a brake disc broke on his front-right tyre mid-way through the last lap and left him limping over the line, relieved to finish and quickly overwhelmed by legions of fans invading the track.

For Hill, it was the perfect riposte to those who had suggested his new-found serenity may have been shattered by his reverse last week. His championship lead over his nearest challenger, his team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, is now 21 points.

"It is great to get back on course again," Hill said after the race. "After the hiccough we had, we are now back on winning form. It is possible that in years past, I might have been worse affected by

what happened in Germany, but this year I have not deviated from my course."

Hill also emphasised his debt to Newey. He said that just ten minutes before the start of the race, he had asked

him to explain the variation on the normal two-stop strategy one more time to make sure he both understood it and agreed with it. His compliance paid off handsomely.

Hill started from second

place on the grid with a significantly heavier fuel load than Schumacher, who barged his way through into second place at the Tamburillo chicane early on the second lap, but could not get past Coulthard. As he laboured, Hill managed to stay in touch with them both even though he was running at a disadvantage.

Schumacher and Coulthard made their first pit-stops after 21 and 22 laps respectively and the German emerged in front courtesy of a quicker stop and a flying lap while the Scot was in the pit lane. He still left Hill with a lead of nearly 20 seconds. By the time the Englishman made his first stop on the thirtieth lap, he had built up a big enough lead to emerge ahead of Schumacher.

Schumacher stopped for a second time on the fortieth lap, leaving Hill with a 25-second lead which he extended by the fiftieth lap. He was so much on top, he allowed himself the luxury of a second stop to change tyres, even though it was not strictly necessary, before he coasted to the chequered flag.

Coulthard ran another fine race in the steadily-improving McLaren-Mercedes before a gear-box problem ended his efforts.

Gerhard Berger brought the struggling Benetton team a little solace with a distant third place and Alesi, after a host of mishaps and spins, one of which blighted Villeneuve's race, managed sixth. He might need more than a day to bring him luck, but no one at Benetton will be giving him flowers.

Hanks leaves with a sense of loss

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

AS MIKE HANKS must inwardly have feared, his players could not give him a winning send-off from Wembley Arena. The departing coach's two-year spell in charge of Manchester Giants ended on Saturday with a 95-86 defeat as London Towers advanced to last night's final of the Budweiser Championship play-offs against Birmingham Bullets.

Yet, for all that, Hanks did his credentials little harm. He achieved as much as could be expected with a squad that may not have won anything, but did, at least, reach Wembley in successive seasons. With the help of their move from the National Cycling Centre into the Nynex Arena and the not inconsiderable assistance of Rick Taylor — now, ironically, the Towers' general manager — they became Europe's fourteenth best-supported club, something to which no other British club has aspired.

In the circumstances, it is hardly surprising that Hanks will harbour some misgivings as he leaves the Cook Organisation, which made the whole thing possible.

"It's such a great organi-

Britain let chances go begging

GREAT Britain suffered successive defeats at the Azlan Shah hockey tournament in Ipoh, Malaysia, losing 5-0 to Australia yesterday and 3-2 to Malaysia on Saturday (Sydney Friskin writes). In both matches, Britain's fine approach work was ruined by the inability to seize chances, underlining the urgent need to find a sharpshooter.

To add to their troubles, Hanks was forced to leave the field yesterday with the recurrence of a back injury. Fordham came on to play at right half, causing McGuire to fall back to defence. By the end of the match, Britain had made more substitutions, calling on Shaw, Hoskin and Hall to try to add bite to the attack.

Australia, who started with a vigorous assault on the Britain goal, capitalised on their third short corner, which was converted by Stacy. He scored from another two minutes into the second half; Hager was two more, both from open play, before Kings顿 completed the rout.

Against Malaysia, Britain pulled back a 2-0 deficit through Shaw and Lascott, but failed to contain Nawawi seven minutes from time.

Rusedski's power serves up prospect of promotion

BY ALIX RAMSAY

"DON'T make ace now please," was the despairing cry from Iztok Bozic on match point as Greg Rusedski steamrolled past the diminutive Slovenian No 1 to give Great Britain an unassaltable 3-1 lead in their Davis Cup tennis tie yesterday. Rusedski was not listening. He served his 24th ace of the match to win 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in just 82 minutes and put Britain one step closer to promotion from the Oceania/African zone group two.

Despite the fact that Rusedski sits comfortable 36 places above Bozic in the world rankings, it was still an impressive performance. At 6ft 3in, Rusedski stands nine inches taller than Bozic, but, in terms of his tennis, he was head and shoulders above the opposition yesterday.

For the record, of Rusedski's 24 aces, six were on second services while he conceded a miserly eight points on his own service in the three sets. Just for good measure, he managed to demolish the scoreboard five times. Bozic was lucky to get a racket to most of Rusedski's thunderbolts and by the start of the third set, he was looking for a

little moral support. "They shouldn't allow it," he said to the crowd as the twentieth ace whistled past his ears.

David Lloyd, the Great Britain captain and a man seldom at a loss for words, remained silent at the court-side. He knew his place. "He [Rusedski] was in a different frame of mind from any time I have seen him," Lloyd said. "He was totally focused and when someone is like that you don't want to say anything. He only made about three errors all day. Greg was frighteningly good. It was scary."



Rusedski: thunderbolts

Fickle winds turn the tide in Brown's favour

FROM EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT
IN LE HAVRE

FOR too many skippers and frustrated crews, it was all too much like last summer, as boats went backwards in flat, calm seas, governed more by tide than by wind.

The Cervantes Trophy Race from Cowes to Le Havre, the Royal Ocean Racing Club's (RORC) traditional offshore season-opener, started early on Saturday morning with a forecast northerly Force 5, the prospect of which was enough to change the destination from Fécamp to the much safer entry of Le Havre.

In the event, the wind blew from virtually every point on

the compass and for long periods not at all over the 24-hour race, but at no time did it reach anything like Force 5.

As was so often the case during the long, hot summer last year, the decisive influence on the outcome came at a mid-race tide gate that trapped more than half the fleet into a position from which they were not able to recover. On this occasion, it was the EC2 buoy, roughly halfway between the Isle of Wight and the north-east tip of the Cherbourg peninsula, which was reached by the leaders as the tide was turning in their favour but the wind was dying away to nothing.

The overall winner under

Brian Clarke's monthly fishing column will appear tomorrow

strong fleet found themselves drifting backwards away from the mark, while the leaders took the tide down to Le Havre as their flagging sails cracked like gunfire.

When it did pick up, the challenge for the often newly-assembled crews was to respond quickly and then change gear as the conditions demanded. Keeping the yachts moving in light airs required concentration through a long and cold night.

The Rob Humphries-designed 40-footer, helmed by

the former Australia Olympic sailing coach, Dave Rickards, did well in light airs, which normally do not suit him. Mike Fitzgerald, the skipper, said the fickle wind made life particularly difficult. "It just helped having less people on the boat because it was so light," he said. "On the way to EC2 was when the race was won or lost."

Second overall was Nigel Bramwell's Bashford 41, Hawk, which took line honours, with Bill Perrin in third in the IMX 38, Sharp Exit. In the IMS division, Hawk was second with Don Moreton's Old Mother Gun third.

The Rob Humphries-designed 40-footer, helmed by

Scottish incursion falls short

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

England's first world team championship win last November.

The final climaxed a feverish week in which England dominated qualifying pool A while Scotland squeezed narrowly through pool B, reversing the spiral that threatened them with relegation last year.

The return of Peter Nicol, the first Scot to win the British championship, and the inclusion of Stuart Cowie, the former England junior, brought them to the final hurdle in Amsterdam and, with Nicol trouncing Walker 9-3, 9-0, 9-6 at first string, they were close to repeating their only victory in the competi-

tion, in 1992, when they removed a far stronger England side from the semi-finals.

With Cairns and Johnson winning comfortably against Alasdair Taylor and David Gordon, Cowie's task was to defeat Chaloner with sufficient strength to give Scotland a victory on the comeback of games. He failed, going down 9-6, 9-0, 9-1.

The result gave England their usual European double, their women taking a nineteenth successive title against Germany on Friday. Scotland's women finished fifth by defeating Finland 2-1.

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Payne watches challengers come to grief at final hole

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN BERGAMO

JIM PAYNE, who looks like Russ Abbott but is funnier, has endured a wrenching two years while suffering from and then recovering from a back injury, but he had something to smile about yesterday when he won the Italian Open here.

The manner of Payne's victory rounded off a week that had been far from ordinary. It began with every Italian, seemingly, having high hopes of victory for the local hero, Costantino Rocca, hopes that Rocca could not fulfil. It continued with regular interruptions for rain and two rounds having to be played yesterday. The conclusion came when Payne posted a target of 275, nine under par, 90 minutes before play finished and then watched from a lounge in the clubhouse as Lee Westwood, the leader after three rounds, and Patrik Sjoland, of Sweden, fell away on the 72nd hole.

Though he got back to nine under par and level with Payne after 71 holes, his driving let him down again on the last. He hit into trees and took six to finish with a 75, ten strokes worse than his morning round.

Sjoland, 25 next week, who might have had a chance of victory in Madeira last month



Payne: long wait

but for five-putting the last green, needed a par on the 72nd to tie with Payne, but his inexperience told and he hit his second shot wide from the middle of the fairway and took a five.

Robert Lee won his first title since the Portuguese Open on the main European Tour in 1987 by scoring a closing 67, four under par, to clinch the Canarias Challenge in Las Palmas yesterday.

The Royal Mid-Surrey professional, 34, who lost a play-off for the Kenya Open in February, finished on 268, 16 under par, for a five-shot victory and the £10,340 first prize. Simon Burnell, of Watford, held on with a 73 to share second place with Joakim Rask, of Sweden.

Westwood, who led by four strokes soon after the start of

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Curtain comes down on Ball's final passion play

David Maddock sees Manchester City suffer the drop after failing to capitalise on a lacklustre Liverpool performance

A STIRRING late revival by Manchester City could not conceal the harsh truth that they were simply not good enough to save themselves.

Even with the assistance of a disgracefully indifferent Liverpool, they were one goal short of an astonishing comeback that would have preserved their place in the FA Carling Premiership.

If there was a cup for cock-ups, Malcolm Allison, the former City manager, once said, then City would win it. Never was that better illustrated than here on this remarkable day when they performed so badly for 60 minutes that they could have been buried under a landslide, had the visiting side not apparently taken pity on them.

As it was, they were two goals down and getting out the maps for Grimsby. Then, in typical City fashion, they confounded all the odds to draw level and give themselves 12 minutes to find the winner, and salvation.

It was not to be. Kavelasvili, the Georgian substitute, came closest when he shaved a pen in injury time. The reality though, was that the Manchester club did not deserve to escape the drop.

"It was not to be," Alan Ball, their manager, said. "We created many chances and could have done it, but I'm a realist and, when it is not to be, you have to accept it. It was the biggest disappointment of my career. I feel sorry for the fans because we have given them another kick in the teeth."

He was right. Quite how they could have displayed such a lack of passion, commitment even, for two-thirds of the most important game that they have played this season is unfathomable. To

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He has always held a passion for the game, and maintained that he is able to transmit it to his players. Not here. He also maintained the naive tactical approach that has done so much to put City in this position.

Playing Quinn at centre forward without employing wingers to give him the ball surely ranks as the most significant blunder of an error-filled season. It is run close, though, by his use of Clough, who cannot have passed to the Liverpool team as much in his days at Anfield as he did here.

He was a passenger, asked to sit deep in midfield, and was eventually booted by the City supporters, who were further bemused when Ball finally brought on a winger, Phillips, and took Quinn off.

It meant that only Lomas offered any real opposition in the middle of the park, so it was no surprise when Liverpool found themselves two goals up. The first came after six minutes, McManaman



Falling on hard times: Quinn, the City forward, takes a tumble as his side slides towards relegation at Maine Road yesterday. Photograph: Paul McFegan

galloping free down the left into acres of free space and providing a cross that Lomas sliced into his own net.

The second was also a product of appalling defending. Liverpool advanced without challenge and McManaman fed Rush to allow the veteran striker a goal in his

last league game for Liverpool.

City had not had the best of luck. Stephen Lodge, the referee, denied a blatant penalty when he ruled that Summerbee had been fouled outside the box, and they did spurn many chances.

Liverpool appeared to stop

playing completely in the second half. It was then that City came into the game, and they were given some encouragement when Lodge made up for his earlier error by awarding a penalty to Kinkladze when, at best, he was merely obstructed by Ruddock.

Rösler converted in the seventeenth minute, and Symons created a stomach-churning finish for the City supporters when he turned well in the box to dispatch a good cross from Phillips on 78 minutes. Typical City that: coming back when even their own supporters had given up

myself to come back strongly," he said. It should not have been necessary.

MANCHESTER CITY (3-4-1-2): E Immler; N Brightwell, S Morris, M Symons, M Kavelasvili, S Franks, S Lomas, M Brown — G Kinkladze — U Rösler, N Quinn (sub: M Phillips, 58); P Lodge, N Dunn (sub: M McManaman, 63); M McManaman, M Thomas; J Beckles (sub: M Kennedy, 48) — I Rush, R Fowler. Referee: S Lodge

Millwall status lowered by feeble end result

Ipswich Town 0
Millwall 0

By Nick Szczepanik

FOOTBALL is supposed to be about winners and losers, but the game at Portman Road yesterday was only about losers. This result and others elsewhere meant that both teams were disconsolate at the end: Ipswich Town failed to reach the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-offs, while Millwall's relegation gives the good people of Gillingham, Preston and Bury a little something extra to look forward to next season.

At least Ipswich will be spared any chance of a potentially embarrassing immediate return to the FA Carling Premiership. It took the England job to give their former manager, Bobby Robson, grey hair, but the present incumbent, George Burley, is already well on the way without anything to make it worse.

The first half provided little evidence that either team's immediate ambitions — going up or staying up — deserved to be fulfilled. The public address played 'The Flintstones theme' a few minutes before kick-off and the first half was

suitably neolithic, despite the trendy-looking formations.

With both sides needing to win, the fear of conceding a goal dominated. Chances were rare, the best falling to Marshall, who volleyed over the bar, then into Keller's midriff, and Milton, who forced Keller to a good save.

The level of sound and fury rose after half-time, but the news from other grounds inspired Ipswich rather than Millwall, whose cause was now more urgent. After 57 minutes, Connor headed away from the jaws of the goal after the Ipswich substitute, Scowcroft, had beaten everyone to a rebound off the goalkeeper.



Sedgley: chances

16 minutes from the end, with all ears glued to radios, Scowcroft again headed goalwards, but this time relief for Keller was provided by a post. There were further goal-line heroics from Doyle, but Millwall seemed unable to produce many attacks. When they did, Neil went for glory when a pass to Mallan might have provided a goal.

In the last quarter of an hour, Sedgley, Marshall and Milton had chances for the home team, but it was all bare nerve-ends and neither team did enough to win.

"At the end of last season," Burley said, "everyone was pessimistic, but we've played attacking football and scored a lot of goals. We are disappointed, but no complaints. We knew it was in our hands."

As the news of Portsmouth's win at Huddersfield Town came in, there was the predictable rain of missiles from the Millwall seats and Ipswich supporters caught in the middle had to be sent home.

IPSWICH TOWN (3-5-3): R Wright — J Williams (sub: A Vassell), S Barnes, S Sedgley, C Thompson, N Dunn, S Scowcroft, G Williams, P Mason (sub: J Scowcroft, 29), M Tancreo — A Martin, I Marshall.

MILLWALL (2-6-1): K Keown, J Connor, K Stoen, B Marshall, D Sargeant, D Smith, N Neil, T. M Doyle, R Newmark, B Ewen, J van Beek, M Web (sub: A Witter, 83) — C Mallan

Referee: K Lynch

Portsmouth live to tell tall tale of narrow escape

Huddersfield Town 0
Portsmouth 1

By MARK HODKINSON

THE computers at Huddersfield's high-tec McAlpine Stadium provide all manner of statistical information. By half-time, for example, it was relayed that precisely 2,483 Portsmouth supporters had packed into the South Stand behind the goal.

Over the summer, urban legends on the south coast will have it that the computer considerably under-counted as scores of Pompey followers claim "I was there". They may have seen Portsmouth ensure their survival in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, but few will report that they had seen a football match, not by its proper definition anyway.

Matters were too tense, too desperate, for little aside from a frantic mêlée where kicking the ball hard and far counted as a positive ploy. Portsmouth made the urgency of the situation clear immediately, winning a corner after just 24 seconds. Like a cloud of smoke, they choked play, pushing Huddersfield ever deeper. The home side, bewildered and caught unexpectedly in someone else's dogfight, were hardly in the mood. Their own passing game was spoilt by the sheer zest of Portsmouth's determination.

Portsmouth's nerves were soothed early when Carter played the ball over Huddersfield's defence for Burton to hook cleanly past Francis. The Portsmouth game-plan thereafter was manifest — hold on to the result at all costs. They

populated the midfield and ran every ball to ground, driven on by the inspirational Martin Allen.

The first pass of note took more than half an hour to arrive when Carter placed the ball across the field into the path of Hall. Thomson headed against the bar, but Allen was adjudged to be offside when he drove the rebound into the net.

Thornley, on loan to Huddersfield from Manchester United, was the only player willing to trap the ball and keep it at his feet. He was expecting to supply passes to

Booth, but his striking partner had to retire hurt after Knight collided with him on the six-yard box.

Huddersfield's solitary effort in the second half came when Edwards cut inside and the ball trickled just a yard past Knight's post. The home supporters began to tease Portsmouth with the erroneous chant of "I-O to the Millwall". It served to strengthen Pompey's resolve, with every player tackling ferociously.

With minutes remaining, Thornley was involved in a futile altercation with Simpson and was sent off by Jim Rushton, a referee officiating for the last time in professional football. At the final whistle, Portsmouth players ran to their supporters where they were told that relegation rivals Millwall had drawn 0-0 at Ipswich and Portsmouth's safety was guaranteed.

Allen said: "I think we feel relief more than anything. It isn't really a mood of celebration, but I still glad it's all over and we're still in the first division next season."

Trouble flared briefly at the end when Portsmouth supporters spilled onto the pitch and a small group ran towards the home supporters.

Scuffles broke out before four police horses separated the factions and order was restored.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-1): S Francis, G McKinnon, A Butler (sub: G Thomas, 84min), M Harris, W Mansfield — D Bailey, S Ratcliffe, D Martin (sub: K Keown, 67), D Phillips, J Goss (sub: S Edwards, 67), L. L. Fortune-West.

SCARBOROUGH (1-4-4-1): I Roncato — S Hicks — D Knowles, J Rockett, C Bonner, D Subba, T Tomlin, G. R. L. Jackson, J Sunderland, M Wells, S Charles, K Magen — D Pope

Referee: K Leach



Allen: fought to keep Portsmouth afloat

Izzet makes Watford bow to the inevitable

Watford 0
Leicester City 1

By ANDREW LONGMORE

Keegan's team sees title aspirations disappear with leaden-footed display

Newcastle fall below the highest standards

Newcastle United 1
Tottenham Hotspur 1

By PETER BALL

NEWCASTLE United's season of high drama ended in anticlimax in the bright spring sunshine yesterday. Needing to win to give themselves any chance of taking advantage of a slip by Manchester United at the top of the FA Carling Premiership, they could only draw as nerves left them leaden-footed and dull-minded for too long.

At the close, the supporters, whose belief and loyalty has never wavered, stayed behind en masse to cheer their team and manager. After 15 minutes, Kevin Keegan answered their calls and led his players on a lap of honour, but their trudging steps revealed that it was an act of duty, the celebrations of their highest position for 69 years having a hollow ring after the rich promise of winter, when they had led the Premiership by 12 points.

Yesterday, Newcastle did not do themselves justice. Their only chance was to win and hope that Middles-

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brough could do them a favour. Even that proved an illusory hope as Manchester United won in style, making events at St James' Park irrelevant.

Yet Newcastle did not do their job, anyway. Tentative and nervous, the attacking flair that had lit up the Premiership deserted them for too long yesterday afternoon, only a late flourish when Asprilla arrived – and, equally significantly, Sol Campbell departed – enabling them to claim the draw.

Until then, Tottenham Hotspur had looked far the livelier and more dangerous side, Sheringham once again pulling the strings with his intelligence, and only some poor final passes preventing them from taking the lead long before they did.

Newcastle, by contrast, had little to offer. A team built on skill and imagination ended up hurrying the ball forward for Ferdinand and hoping. It was a forlorn hope. Campbell's physique overshadowed even the England striker and he towered above him, heading long ball after long ball away to safety.

With Beardsley running into cul-de-sacs, Ginola's promise too often failing to reach fruition and, for a time, Batty reverting to type and



Ferdinand, right, is congratulated by team-mates after equalising for Newcastle, but the celebrations are muted as their title hopes were already fading. Photograph: Dave Jones

giving the ball away constantly, Newcastle had little penetration, even though they had the better of the possession.

Tottenham, for their part, always looked likely to exploit the known failings of the Newcastle defence. As early as the second minute, Sheringham's clever pass put in Howells, who went down claiming a penalty as Batty ran across him, but Dermot Gallagher, the referee, was not impressed. Another minute and Mabbett got free for a header from Anderson's free kick and, although he put it wide, it was already evident that Newcastle were not on their game.

However, soon their first and, as it turned out, their best chance of the first half arrived when Ferdinand's flick reached Ginola at the far post, six yards out. The ball hit the Frenchman on the thigh and spun away, a mistake by such an assured player that told its own story.

The answer was ten minutes after half-time. News had just come through of Manchester United's second goal when the worst happened. Newcastle had been giving the ball away consistently. This time, Beardsley, of all people, did it on the halfway line with the defence exposed. Shering-

ham's attempt to send in Anderson failed, but when he recovered the ball, his cross found Armstrong, who turned it back for Dozell to place it beyond Hislop.

Newcastle might have equalised almost immediately as that goal stirred them into action, but Ginola's drive was turned onto the crossbar by Walker. At last, the introduction of fresh legs brought fresh ideas and turned the tide. Asprilla had been on the field for four minutes, much of it occupied with treatment on Sheringham, when he reached the byline, turned his man and laid the ball in for Ferdinand to shoot home.

With that, Newcastle moved forward in a last attempt to win the game. They might have done so as Mabbett misjudged a bounce and Clark took advantage to lob over Walker only to see the ball rebound off the bar.

With Campbell now off the field, the straightforward high

ball was paying dividends, but not enough for Newcastle, although Walker had to make one excellent point-blank save from Ferdinand.

Keegan last night defused his criticism of the Manchester United manager, Ferguson, by hailing the team from Old Trafford as "great champions".

"Our congratulations go to Manchester United and their supporters because we're good losers here," Keegan said. "Everyone has said that we have thrown it away, but that is not giving credit to the way they have caught us. They will be great representatives of this league in Europe – I wish it was us, but there you are."

NEwCASTLE UNITED (4-4-1-1): S Hislop — S Gibson, D Peacock, P Johnson, R Dowell — G Gilpin (sub: C Clark), D Clark, S Gibson, J Edwards, D Anderson, J Dozell, D Howells, R Fox (sub: R Rosenthal, 84) — C Armstrong, E Sheringham. Referee: D Gallagher.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker (sub: C Wicks), J Campbell (sub: C Campbell), S Howells, S Gibson, J Edwards, D Anderson, J Dozell, D Howells, R Fox (sub: R Rosenthal, 84) — C Armstrong, E Sheringham. Referee: D Gallagher.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE					
	Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form	
1. Manchester Utd	38	82	+38	WWWW	
2. Newcastle	38	78	+34	WWWD	
3. Liverpool	38	71	+36	WWDWW	
4. Aston Villa	38	69	+37	WWWW	
5. Arsenal	38	63	+17	LDDWW	
6. Everton	38	61	+20	WLDWW	
7. Blackburn	38	61	+14	WWWDW	
8. Tottenham	38	61	+12	DDDDW	
9. Notts Forest	38	58	-4	LDLDW	
10. West Ham	38	55	-9	LWDDL	
11. Chelsea	38	55	+2	LWLW	
12. Middlesbrough	38	43	-15	WDLWW	
13. Leeds	38	43	-17	LLLLD	
14. Wimbledon	38	40	-15	WWLDD	
15. Sheffield Wed	38	40	-13	WLWDL	
16. Coventry	38	38	-18	LWDWD	
17. Southampton	38	38	-18	LWLWD	
18. Manchester City	38	35	-25	LLWW	
19. QPR	38	33	-19	LWLWL	
20. Bolton	38	29	-32	LWLWW	
Weekly change		Up	Stayed the same	Down	

West Ham United 1
Sheffield Wednesday 1

By DAVID POWELL

IF SHEFFIELD Wednesday were anxious about the prospect of relegation from the FA Carling Premiership, it did not show at Upton Park yesterday. There was urgency in their game, but they did not look as though they were living on their nerves.

Only if Wednesday had lost and Manchester City, Coventry City and Southampton had won would they have been relegated, and in no less ignominious circumstances than when they went down from the top division six years ago.

In 1990, Sheffield lost five of their last six matches and now, once again, they were latecomers to the relegation struggle. Had it not been for a goal in second-half injury-time yesterday, they would have finished this season with five defeats in their last seven games.

However, Jon Newsome rose to head in Guy Whittingham's cross, Julian Dicks having given West Ham a 72nd-minute lead. Michael Hughes supplied the cross from a free kick for Dicks to run in unmarked and head to the right of Kevin Pressman.

A sequence of fine saves from the Wednesday goalkeeper frustrated West Ham. After ten minutes, Hyde was dispossessed by Dowie inside his own half and the forward's shot sent Pressman flying to his left.

Two minutes after the interval, he kept out an electric 25-yard drive by Hughes, though he must have felt the voltage go through him, and the match may have been put



Martin: asked to stay

beyond the visitors had not Pressman, after 81 minutes, not gone down smartly to repel a shot by Williamson. Yet West Ham were restricted mainly to long-range shooting as the Wednesday players ran and challenged as if their Premiership status depended on it.

"We picked the right team for the day," David Pleat, their manager said. "They did not let us down." Cries of "Pleat out" had reverberated around Hillsborough in the 5-2 home defeat by Everton a week earlier. Pleat rejected any suggestion yesterday that he might be on his way. "Perfectly all right," he said. "If I had won, lost or drawn, perfectly all right."

Only twice before they scored did Wednesday threaten the West Ham goal, on both occasions from set-pieces.

The biggest cheer of the afternoon was reserved for Alvin Martin, the long-serving West Ham player, who came on as substitute for the last two minutes. West Ham's supporters were responding to what they presumed to be Martin's last league appearance. However, Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said afterwards that he was still trying to tempt Martin to stay for another season.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): I Nikolic — J Hall, J Dicks, M Hughes, D Wilkinson, S Potts, K Rowland (sub: R Ferdinand, 88) — A Collet (sub: R Ferdinand, 88) — S Gibson, N Heaney — M Le Tissier, N Shepperd, F Lampard, G Jones — J Clark, J Edwards, D Anderson, J Doherty, D Howells, R Fox (sub: R Rosenthal, 84) — C Armstrong, E Sheringham. Referee: D Dallas.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — P Atherton, D Walker, J McAllister, D Beardsley, J Clark, J Edwards, G Hyde, M Pambridge, R Barker (sub: C Wedderburn, 79) — M Degrey (sub: R Humphreys, 83), D First. Referee: D Dallas.

Covington able to celebrate after day of mixed emotions

Coventry City 0
Leeds United 0

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

HONOURS finished even at Highfield Road yesterday, on a twitchy, breath-catching afternoon in the FA Carling Premiership. Coventry City qualified for a thirteenth consecutive season in the top-flight, finally riding themselves of the spectre of relegation, and Leeds United avoided what would have been a club record seventh successive league defeat.

Neither side deserved to win, neither merited a defeat, yet it was Coventry who experienced the full range of emotions. Initial confidence, then self-doubt, then engulfing concern as proceedings elsewhere chopped and changed.

Salvation gained, certain sections of supporters decided that a spot of extra-curricular activity would not go amiss. Sporadic skirmishes on the pitch threatened to spiral out of control and overshadow Coventry's escape, but, with the arrival of police on horseback, the situation eventually calmed down.

Though edgy and unimaginative, Coventry had dominated a low-key first half. Yet as Ron Atkinson, their manager, and Gordon Strachan, his assistant, prowled the touchline like expectant fathers urging their players on, the match went nowhere in particular.

The loudest cheers, after six and 41 minutes, were reserved for the news that Liverpool had scored against Manchester City at Maine Road. However, apart from the surging runs of Salako and midfield artistry of Jess, the Coventry supporters were more or less starved of inspiration.

Whelan, a £2 million buy from Leeds in December, frequently threatened in his usual swaggering style, but he, too, appeared to be afflicted by the enormity and importance of the occasion. Every time he found an opening, he either snatched at his shot, misdirected a header or strangely lost his footing on a basically sound surface.

It did not get much better after the interval, with Coventry presumably hearing the latest on Manchester City's demise and realising that, even if they lost, they could still stay in the Premiership. It did nothing,

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): S Ogrodnik — A Pickering, R Shaw, L Dush, D Burrows, M Hall — P Teller, E Jess, J Salako — N Whelan, O Dublin.

COVENTRY CITY (4-3-2): S Ogranic — A Pickering, R Shaw, L Dush, D Burrows, M Hall — P Teller, E Jess, J Salako — N Whelan, O Dublin.

Referee: D Ellery

Southampton 0
Wimbledon 0

Southampton hold nerve to prolong top-flight stay

By KEITH PIKE

SO THE Saints go marching on in the FA Carling Premiership. In August, they will begin their seventeenth consecutive season in the top division, again inspired and, just occasionally, infuriated by Matthew Le Tissier, courtesy of a draw against Wimbledon at The Dell yesterday.

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Referee: D Ellery

Dave Merrington, elevated from the ranks to become Ball's successor, has no such fears. To keep Southampton in the Premiership with the financial odds so clearly stacked against them is no mean feat.

Merrington dashed from the ground to visit his wife, Pauline, in hospital, where she was admitted on Saturday. "He did well to get through the week and get to the ground today," Laurie McMenemy, the Southampton Director of Football, said.

"Pauline's illness has taken the edge off things, but the premier league is the only one to be in. With a club of our resources, we would find it very difficult to get back up. To finish fourth from bottom is a successful season for us."

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ARSENAL
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Arsenal: D Seaman, M Keane, A Lehmann, S Mervin (sub: P Stoyanov), L Charron, P Merson, J Platt, R Parker, N Wicks, G Smith, D Smith, C Wright (sub: C Hartson, 37 mins).

Bengham: Parker, Bengham.

BOLTON
Wright 70
Todd 70
38,104

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BOLTON
Bengham: G Williams.

CHELSEA
Wise 34
Sporer 68
Foster 98
28,438

CHELSEA
D Kinsella, C Bailey (sub: P Pearce), B Smart, E Jones, D Jones (sub: P Pearce), S Mervin, S McLean, N Spindler (sub: E Peacock, 67 mins), R Gallo, D West, J Spencer, M Hegner.

CHELSEA
Bengham: Johnson, Wise.

CHELSEA
Bengham: Rivers, T Flowers, C Coleman, J Keane, T Shandron, C Hendry, S Riley, K Galagher (sub: P Marston, 25 mins), J Wilson, G Foster (sub: L Bolton, 72 mins), W McKinlay, H Berg.

CHELSEA
Bengham: Starwood, Bohman.

CHELSEA
Bengham: Reference: M Bodenham.

CITY OF COVENTRY
22,765

CITY OF COVENTRY
City: S Oramic, A Fletcher, B Shear, P Trotter, E Jackson, D Barron, I Dick, M Hall, D Dohm, N Whelan, J Saker.

CITY OF COVENTRY
Bengham: Rivers.

CITY OF COVENTRY
Leeds United: J Lake, G Kelly, N Watkinson, C Palmer, I Radford, D Walker, M Tudor, R Wallace, P Masling, G McAllister, A Gay (sub: A Coates 70 mins).

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Old rivals offer glimpse of possibilities for under-19 cricket

Tradition points way ahead

By JOHN GOODBODY

WHAT a pity it is that there is not a national schools cricket competition for senior boys as there is for football, rugby and other sports.

On Saturday, two outstanding XIs, Harrow and Malvern, shared a taut, drawn game of unexpected collapses and shifts in domination. However, most schools would never have the opportunity of playing such talented rivals because of their location.

This fixture is a peculiarity. It takes place because Malvern was billeted at Harrow during the Second World War and a tradition while tradition began.

If there were a national under-19 competition, schools from different parts of the country would have the opportunity of meeting new opponents. This is one of the delights of the Boodle and Dunbarne Cup in football.

As Paul Goode, the master-in-charge of cricket at Malvern College, said: "Everyone knows who is the best team on their particular circuit. What they do not know is where they stand nationally." Both Mark Williams, the master-in-charge of cricket at Harrow, and Ramesh Sethi, the head coach, also lament the absence of a national tournament, as

exists with the Lord's Taverners' competition at under-15 level. However, this event takes two years to complete, with the under-14s qualifying for the final stages the following summer.

Of 18-year-olds, Ramesh says: "There is not enough competitive cricket at this level. Competition is the only way to improve standards."

However, there are immense problems for schools. Williams says: "Ten weeks of a summer term is horribly short to fit in a competition, particularly during an A-level term. However, in other sports, it is noticeable that when a school wins a couple of rounds, everyone gets really excited."

Roger Tolchard, the Malvern professional, speaking with the realism of a former Test cricketer, believes the idea is a "nightmare". "You just do not have time," he said. "Schools would end up not fielding their first teams." There is the uncertainty of being able to ensure a meaningful match, with limited opportunity to reschedule postponed games.

Block fixtures with traditional rivals would also drift away and this might ultimately harm the game at the younger level. Harrow, with 800 boys, sometimes fields 18 school teams.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

However, the biggest difficulty is with A levels affecting exactly those boys who are likely to be involved in the first XI, with the academic staff reluctant to release pupils for matches.

Goode said: "I am under pressure to time the leaving coaches to get to a match in the shortest possible time before the start. You cannot argue with the reasoning."

Many schools also have boys who want to concentrate on A levels to the exclusion of sport during the summer. Williams explained the situation at Harrow: "If there are one or two reluctant chickens, they are kept in the fold because of the Lord's fixture against Eton. It is an incentive."

A possible solution would be to

have a qualifying tournament one year and the final rounds the next, or alternatively use the large number of festivals after A levels have ended.

Certainly, any national competition would have been decorated by the match on Saturday. Played on the Sixth Form Ground at Harrow, where such England captains as Archie McLaren and F. S. Jackson acquired their early skills, Malvern reached 229 for nine before declaring.

Malvern, with ten of their unbeaten 1995 team available this summer, have already defeated Warwick, Millfield and King's, Worcester this term. They were 205 for two, with David Nash, the England Under-19 wicketkeeper, making 92, Mark Hardinge 55 and Gavin Franklin 50. But then, chasing quick runs, they collapsed. Simon Engelen took four for 47.

Harrow, considered by Sethi to be "probably the best team and certainly the best batting side" in his nine years at the school, replied by reaching 146 with only two wickets down. Then Andrew Cox, who had made 53, was run out and, although Harrow continued to threaten the Malvern total, they began to lose wickets. They ended at 206 for eight.



Franklin, of Malvern, strokes an elegant cover drive during his 50 against Harrow

Dunfermline hit the target at last

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

Bert Paton looked as if he was in the midst of a costume change. The Dunfermline Athletic manager was wearing blazer, club tie and studious spectacles in the dugout during the 2-1 win over Airdrieonians, but there was also a black-and-white scarf as well as a baseball cap. On the afternoon in which his team won promotion back to the Bell's Scottish League premier division after a four-year absence, he was an employee turning into a fan.

Everyone at East End Park has felt the tug of emotion in the past few weeks and Paton has been dressed in the same way for the past two Saturdays. At times, it had seemed that Dunfermline would suffer from an excessive number of motives. The desire to win the first division title as a tribute to Norrie McCathie, their club captain who died in an accident at the beginning of this year, could, by itself, have been enough to leave them overwrought.

Their resolve, however, was also strengthened in mundane ways as well. Dunfermline's reputation of late has been for rousing but ultimately doomed attempts to grasp promotion, but the public had ceased to be enthralled by a story grown too familiar. Instead of admiring dogged players whose determination renewed itself after every disappointment, some had come to think of the team as a gathering of losers.

Such an accusation is an assault on the pride of a professional footballer. So many grievances and so many cravings have surged through Dunfermline in the past few months that they must have been in danger of a short-circuit. For once, however, the lights did not go out at East End Park.

The victory over Airdrie was unsightly and tinged with good fortune, but it sufficed. Dundee United, who drew 2-2 with Morton at Cappielow, are left to seek a return to the premier division through a hazardous play-off, conducted over two legs, against Partick Thistle. Few had predicted that Billy Kirkwood's team,

dotted as it is with expensive signings, would be left to such toll.

Dunfermline certainly did not exude an air of superiority. Paton's side packed with old sweats, men who have slogged their way to a livelihood over many years at East End Park or with other clubs. Ian Westwater, Craig Robertson, Colin Miller, Hamish French, Brian Rice, Allan Moore — such players could be forgiven for thinking of the game as a means to pay the mortgage rather than a path to glory.

Yet ageing footballovers are often shown too little respect. Instead of sinking into cynicism and dreaming only of one last signing-on fee to ease the passage into middle age, most are still able to give themselves to a cause.

Being at Dunfermline, of course, might make it a little easier for them to believe that football will enrich their lives. The ground is an appealing anachronism, with a single stand and terracing on three sides, that reminds you of the 1960s, when Jock Stein was one of the managers, when the Scottish Cup was won twice, when Everton could be beaten in European competition, when the team reached the semi-finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Even now, the players know they are part of a distinguished club. Laden with debt though it is, Dunfermline has the potential to enhance the premier division, as the attendance of 13,183 on Saturday proved. In the short term, however, the team will simply have to survive and, given the inadequacies, next season may be one long test of their powers of resistance.

Haynes signals start of new era for Hayes

Carshalton Athletic 0
Hayes 3

BY WALTER GAMMIE

WHEN a stunning left-footed volley by Junior Hayes angled into the top left corner of the Carshalton Athletic net, it brought Hayes the Icis League championship and promotion to the Vauxhall Conference at Colston Avenue on Saturday.

The goal, in the 75th minute, was all-important. It meant that the 24th minute winner scored by Ian Richardson for Enfield at Yeovil Town was not enough — as it would have been if Hayes had won only 2-0. The clubs would then have been level on goal difference and a hard-fought title would have been Enfield's for scoring more goals.

"That was the best goal I've seen in my life," Terry Brown, the elated Hayes manager, said. He knew it was good enough to clinch the title by

keeping an eye on Willy Wordsworth, his assistant, sitting in the stand opposite the dugout, who was in touch by mobile phone with Dave Killock, the club scout, who was at Huish Park.

Throughout, despite the tension of the day, Hayes played with remarkable freedom, summed up by two first-half goals headed by Gary Williams. The final flourish ensured Hayes's 25-match unbeaten run to the season's end brought a fitting reward.

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Athlete back on track after ban

Modahl makes up for lost time with a winning return

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DIANE MODAHL'S back was hurting, but, no, it was not brought on by lifting piles of legal documents. She was sniffling with a cold and, yes, she had been cautious at the chemist's. "Just Vicks VapoRub, nothing more than that," she said. "Oh, and Paracetamol."

Six weeks after winning her first against drug allegations, Modahl was laying face down on the physiotherapist's couch at Meadowbank Stadium. She had to keep wiping her runny nose while simultaneously having her back treated. Normally an athlete in this condition, having completed her main event, would withdraw from the relay, but not the former Commonwealth and European Cup 800 metres champion.

"I needed the races," she said. "Time is short in terms of the Olympic trials coming up." It had been 21 months since Modahl, 29, had last raced on a track. She was burning to compete and she returned with a win.

Representing her club, Sale Harriers Manchester, in the 800 metres at the women's UK League on Saturday, Modahl ran a tactical race, content to stay with the bunch before stretching away 300 metres from home to win in 2min 6.37sec. Not a personal best, not an Olympic qualifying time, not enough to get within five seconds of the world's top ten for the year, but a decisive victory, by three seconds, and an Olympic trials qualifying time. Satisfactory progress.

"I got out of today's race, everything I could possibly have wanted," Modahl said. "I got out on the track under starter's orders and I won. It was a very special moment. If the athletics authorities had



Modahl: happy with time

had their way, today would never have happened." She fought the law and the law lost. The British Athletic Federation (BAF) and International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) forced to accept her protestations of innocence.

Modahl was pleased with her time and justifiably so. To run 2min 6sec this early in the season, when race-rusty, off a slow first lap, with nobody to push her and with a cold was encouraging.

As she stretched in the warm-up area at Meadowbank, Jackie Mason, whose daughter is a club-mate of Modahl's, moved towards her with purpose. "Welcome back," Mason said, pressing her hand into Modahl's hand. "One person you would never consider to have taken drugs is Diane Modahl," Mason said later. "She is back where she belongs."

It is a popular view, but, as George Sinclair, the chief executive of the host club, Edinburgh Woollen Mill, said:

"The controversy has left doubt in some people's minds. That, and the fact that Modahl's horizons for Olympic year are not what they

would have been had she been spared her ordeal, are part of the reason she is determined to see through her £480,000 High Court action against the BAF. "Two years ago, my aim would have been to make the top five in Atlanta, but because of the incompetence of other people, I have to set my aims on making the team," she said.

It was important for Diane to feel she was part of a race, not just running a time trial.

Vicente Modahl, her husband and coach, said: "I told her that, regardless of the pace, she should let someone else lead the race. She should have run 61, 61 laps in seconds. It would not have been a problem to run 2:02." She had planned to run the 400 metres as well, but was dissuaded by her ailments.

There was no representative from the BAF present to greet Modahl on her return. She has, however, been restored to the list of athletes receiving financial support, though at the lowest level of assistance, according to Vicente Modahl, just £500. Nike, who suspended her contract while she was banned, is supporting her again. "We have backdated all payments," Mark Sinclair, Nike's marketing manager for running, said. Her contract expires this year and renewal is under discussion.

Modahl's perfect day ended

with a split time of 54.1sec for 400 metres, helping Sale to win and go top of the league. If the day ever came when she was on the podium to receive a championship medal from Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, how would she react? "I will cross that bridge when I come to it," she said. At least now she can see the bridge in the distance.

Technically, Tompkins could object and force the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee to take up the matter. And a strict interpretation would render Mark Of Esteem liable to disqualification. Tompkins readily acknowledged the race was fairly settled on the racecourse but used the opportunity to condemn Dettori's behaviour.

"This is a professional business," he said. "If we have rules they should be followed. Frankie doing that on the course is setting a bad example. He was completely irresponsible. It's a shame the onus is on us to appeal. Frankie has infringed the rules and something's got to be done about it." In fact, Dettori was fined £500.

Tompkins's point about the rules is valid, although he would surely concede that the relevant regulation was drafted to prevent jockeys tampering with their weight-cloths.

Dettori, as is his wont, was

impressive.

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Tragic Hero takes Pipe to brink of sixth title

BY OUR RACING STAFF

MARTIN PIPE is almost assured of a sixth National Hunt trainers' championship after Tragic Hero secured the last important race of the season at Haydock Park on Saturday. The four-year-old's neck victory in the £35,000-added Crowther Horses Swinton Handicap Hurdle took Pipe's earnings past £800,000 and gives him a seemingly unsailable lead over his nearest challenger, the reigning champion, David Nicholson.

"This has to be the highlight of the season and we hope it has clinched the title for us," Pipe said. "I've had an incredible season considering there have been so many problems on the way. We were hit by the virus and then we lost some nice horses at Cheltenham."

Tragic Hero, sent off at 9-1, came back fresh after performing creditably at Punchestown last month. He found a telling finish to foil Dreams End, who was trying to follow up his success in this event two years ago.

Tragic Hero's win was missed by his owners, Chris Fleet and Steve Wunke, who were involved in a cricket match at Chester. "I'm not normally allowed to run him on Saturdays but they gave me the go-ahead this time," Pipe said.

"We fancied him at Cheltenham but he disappointed. He ran a great race in Ireland and had there been another hurdle he would have won."

David Bridgewater, Tragic Hero's jockey, had initiated a double when making all the running on Treasure Again in the Crowther Horses Long Distance Hurdle. He stepped in for the ride when the

Pipe champion elect

Bridgewater went on to complete a treble, and Pipe a double, when Tony's Gift collected the Crowther Horses Edge Green Novices' Claiming Hurdle.

Grindstone, one of a five-strong Wayne Lukas entry in the Kentucky Derby, maintained his trainer's grip on American Triple Crown races with a last-stride win over Cavonnier at Churchill Downs on Saturday. Lukas has now won the last six Triple Crown events.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm
2.00 (1) 4, Dusty Lane (P. Eddie) Evans; 2, Lallans (9-1); 3, Samman (7-2); 4, Mr. G. T. (D. P. D. F. 6-10). CSE: £3.01 2mn 59.8sec.
2.25 (5) 1, Abou Zouz (L. Dotori, 11-1); 2, Grand Lad (7-1); 3, Mr. G. T. (D. Lode, 10-1); 4, Mr. D. (D. P. D. F. 6-10). CSE: £3.01 2mn 59.8sec.
3.05 (1) 1, Bell Gown (D. R. McCabe, 10-1); 2, Hanover (9-2); 3, Hardy Dance (11-2); 4, Major Change (10-1). Special Drawn 4-1. Fav: 13 ran. NR: Wicuna, 14-1; D. Thorn, 17-1; Mr. G. T., 18-1; Mr. D., 20-1. DF: £24.50. Total: £124.60. CSE: £7.14. Tricash: £1.214 15 mn 49.9sec.

3.45 Pentarpe, 2,000 Guineas Stakes. See page 26.

4.20 (1) 1, Cool Jazz (L. Dotori, 14-1); 2, Lucky Lionel (11-1); 3, Westpoint Magic (9-2); Blue Moon (10-1); Mr. Eddie (D. P. D. F. 6-10). CSE: £3.01 2mn 49.8sec. Total: £130. CSE: £3.20. Total: £23.10. DF: £24.40. Total: £98.00. CSE: £7.14. Tricash: £1.214 15 mn 49.9sec.

4.50 (6) 1, Jayneval (L. Dotori, 14-1); 2, Starburst (12-1); 3, Shining Edge (8-1); Mulacz (7-2); 4, Sun Surfer (7-2). Go-Informal 3-1. Fav: 6 ran.

3.00 (1) 1, Treasured Again (10-1); 2, Jethab (14-1); 3, Shining Edge (8-1); Mulacz (7-2); 4, Sun Surfer (7-2). Go-Informal 3-1. Fav: 6 ran.

2.00 (1) 1, Tragedy Hero (9-1); 2, Dreams End (10-1); 3, Mr. G. T. (D. P. D. F. 6-10). Flying Instructor 5-1 fav. 19 ran.

3.20 (1) 1, Tuffymania (10-1); 2, Mrs. White Willow (10-1); 3, Grousher (4-1 fav); Teradour (4-1 fav). 10 ran.

4.05 (1) 1, Tony Giff (4-8 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Tukum (13-1); 3, Mrs. Robinson (11-1); 6 ran.

4.25 (1) 1, Dream Ride (6-4 fav); 2, Aspernach (12-1); 3, Diversions (31-1) 8 ran.

4.45 (1) 1, Miss O'The Rags (11-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Mr. G. T. (D. P. D. F. 6-10). Fav: 13 ran.

5.20 (1) 1, Flared (P. Eddie); 2, Mr. G. T. (D. P. D. F. 6-10); 3, Dyan (7-2); 4, Mr. Eddie (D. P. D. F. 6-10). CSE: £3.01 2mn 49.8sec. Total: £130. CSE: £3.20. Total: £23.10. DF: £24.40. Total: £98.00. CSE: £7.14. Tricash: £1.214 21 mn 49.9sec.

Haydock Park

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2.30 (1) 1, Treasure Again (10-1); 2, Jethab (14-1); 3, Shining Edge (8-1); Mulacz (7-2); 4, Sun Surfer (7-2). Go-Informal 3-1. Fav: 6 ran.

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2.20 (1) Breeches (4-1); 2, Bolero Boy (25-40 fav); 3, Mill Bed (33-1); 11 ran. NR: Answer Leader.

2.50 (1) Awasha (7-1); 2, Sing With The Devil (20-1); 3, Sea Hawk (18-1); 4, The Southern (18-1); 5, Starboard (18-1). Fav: 20 ran. NR: Chedwell Hall, Dancing Rainbow.

3.20 (1) Street Plan (5-2); 2, Shirley Venture (20-1); 3, Arctic Fantasy (9-2) Fav: 11 ran.

3.55 (1) New Century (12-2); 2, Sandmark (23-1); 3, Chickadee (16-1); 4, High Premium (11-1). Prime Last 8-2.

4.05 (1) 1, Hammarstein (5-6 fav); 2, Erosion (33-1); 3, Mulsanne (13-8) 14 mn.

4.55 (1) I'm Your Lady (14-1); 2, Star Talent (4-1); 3, Barnet Hop (9-4 fav); 15 ran. NR: White Sons.

5.20 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Machado (6-1); 3, Test Match (12-2); 6 ran.

5.55 (1) Pointed Remark (15-2); 2, Arctic Fantasy (2-1); 3, River Bay (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

6.15 (1) Bottress (15-8 fav); 2, Nick The Knave (11-1); 3, General Sir (12-1) 12 ran.

6.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Test Match (12-2); 6 ran.

6.55 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Arctic Fantasy (2-1); 3, River Bay (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

7.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (2-1); 2, Too Good (14-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

7.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Test Match (12-2); 6 ran.

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16.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

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17.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

17.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

18.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

18.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

19.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

19.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

20.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

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21.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

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22.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

22.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

23.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

23.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

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25.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

25.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

26.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

26.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

27.15 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (18-1) 12 ran. NR: Hobnobber.

27.50 (1) 1, Persian Tactics (6-4 fav); 2, Dash (10-1); 3, Starboard (

Runs abound for captains who are back in the ranks

MARTYN MOXON. Kim Barnett and Hugh Morris have two things in common this morning: all three have started again in the ranks, having shed the cares and ambitions of county captaincy; and all three have made a double-century in their first championship innings of the season.

Too much can be read into this, for leadership did not exactly cripple their batting — in the 1995 championship, Moxon averaged 76, Morris 49 and Barnett 44. It is fair to say, however, that none of the trio stood down as captain last autumn without a wave of relief, a sense of release and, perhaps, an unspoken admission that the job had lost its appeal.

Moxon had needed persuasion to leave Yorkshire again last season; his sixth year was always going to be his last. Barnett, whose power rose in proportion to his service during 13 years in charge at Derbyshire, eventually fell through lack of success. Morris resigned in frustration after two years of failure after Glamorgan's Sunday league triumph of 1993.

Captains, like most other commodities, have an optimum shelf-life and maybe each of the three had outlived it. Distinguished figures though they were. During the 1990s, Moxon, Morris and Barnett have all captained representative sides, played Test cricket among Graham Good's innumerable opening partners and been mentioned as possible England captains.

In each case, their candidature was scratched because they were not quite good enough to hold down a Test place, which in turn made them ideal for county captaincy, a job not best suited by regular absenteeism on England duty. The county circuit is not the gentle arena it once was and its demands, expectations and egos have elevated the job of captaincy to previously unconsidered require-



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ments that will make Barnett among the last of the great survivors.

Not quite the last, however. That man is probably Mike Gatting, now embarked upon his fourteenth year as captain of Middlesex and, after his side's fourth successive defeat in the new season, surely wondering why he did not follow the lead set by the double-centurions.

Middlesex, gallant runners-up in the epic championship last year, have begun as if they are likelier to be in the nether regions of the table this time and were thoroughly outplayed by the resurgent Gloucestershire. Even without

it, but for an untimely injury. His fitness let him down again on the England. A tour to Pakistan, on which he became a forlorn and detached figure, but if he sustains the form that brought Gloucestershire victory — their first at Lord's in 21 years — by five wickets, the selectors must consider him again.

Mark Flott will have something to say about that. The incumbent left-arm seamer in the England squad, he is only 25 and capable of better things yet — just ask his mentor, John Lever, who did not approach his best until his late twenties. Flott is still mastering the art of inswing to the right-handers, but, when it works, he is an impressive bowler.

Three more wickets at New Road on Saturday left Essex on the brink of victory, with Worcestershire only 17 runs ahead with five wickets intact. Somerset, for whom there was a fourth double-century of the round, scored by Peter Bowler, lead Surrey by 181 going into the final day and Lancashire have been set 340 to win by Kent after two swift declarations sought to retrieve a result from two damp days.

But what of the retired captains? Barnett is already down to earth, out for eight as Derbyshire's second innings disintegrated — they now lead Leicestershire by 115 with four wickets left — and in the run-feast at Cardiff, Morris's successor, Matthew Maynard, made a century of his own before declaring 54 behind and reducing Yorkshire to 32 for four. Moxon already out for ten. For one of the new captains, at least, pre-season optimism looks like surviving the opening week.

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Barnett: double-century

Courtney Walsh, who returns from the Caribbean this week, the Gloucestershire seam attack overpowered Middlesex and Mike Smith's eight wickets for 73 suggested that he might yet win a Test cap.

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Gilbert squares up to Oval problems

Michael Henderson talks to the coach who believes he can lift the gloom surrounding Surrey

They are smiling again at the Oval. Although that in itself will not win any matches, it constitutes a new start, and how those perplexed people in Kennington need one. Surrey cricket has been scarred these past few years by subterfuge, plot, counter-plot, sackings and resignations: in a word, fear, and fear undermines all human enterprise.

A successful team would have drawn attention away from the power struggles and general unpleasantness, but it is 14 years since Surrey won anything (the NatWest Trophy) and 25 summers since they last won the championship. A generation has grown up unfamiliar with the club's grander traditions. For them, the Oval is a place where, for five days every August, England stage what is usually a rather good Test match.

When Surrey began their new championship campaign at Taunton, it was unwise to expect an immediate shedding of skin. There were fresh hopes and fresh players, but the present ones have underachieved too often for anybody to make claims on their behalf. Their reputation for folding under pressure has been fully earned.

For a man who has just walked into a nest of vipers, Dave Gilbert, the club's new Australian coach, looks and sounds in pretty good shape. Surrey stalked him to Brisbane last winter, where he was assistant coach to Queensland, and when they offered him the job, he did not keep them waiting long for an answer. So far, the only problem has been the daily battle with the south London traffic.

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Gilbert has brought a fresh perspective, and a sense of purpose, to the Oval

leagues to come up with a side to play us. I remember thinking: 'This place is in serious trouble, for such a proud club and one of the most famous grounds in the world.'

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been simmering for too long in the juices of its own complacency. In these circumstances, an unjudged could be the boom Surrey crave. Certainly, Gilbert, 35, who played in nine Tests a decade ago, is happy with the way things are settling down. Like other Australians he

play and coach here. He thinks more favourably of English cricket than some of his compatriots. "What is missing is the intensity that you find in Sheffield Shield games which, because there are only ten a season, are games that you prepare for more thoroughly. If cricket-

ers over here were able to prepare in the same way for every match, I'm sure you would find that level of intensity in the championship. But that's the way things are and I don't intend to make excuses."

Gilbert has recruited Brendon Julian, the West Australian all-rounder, as Surrey's overseas player and there is another new all-rounder in Chris Lewis, formerly of Nottinghamshire, who has convinced the club of his fitness. Where Lewis is concerned, Englishmen have learned to expect little, and have not been proved wrong. An Australian coach wanting to make a good impression may have a greater fund of tolerance.

"We have the talent," Gilbert said. "The players have not moulded together as a team in the past, maybe because they have not had the encouragement to do so. I want the senior players to lead by example. You can't keep on being promising when you are 25 or 26. That wears a bit thin after a while. If the senior players lead then the younger players will respond."

With the support of the captain, Alec Stewart, and with an apparent eagerness within the club to return to what it is actually there for, cricket, Gilbert can embark on his voyage of discovery with a spring in his step. There are bright young batsmen and bowlers, of whom Adam Hollioake (one of those who does not fold) and, possibly, Alex Tudor, the coming paceman, have the most to look forward to. If they had a decent spinner, Surrey would fancy themselves to maintain a realistic championship challenge.

"I will be sick in the stomach if our players walk off the field at any time having short-changed themselves," Gilbert said. He is right in one respect: the talent is there. How well it is expressed on the field depends on how strongly and widely the players share his feelings. Until it is, Surrey will remain the great pretenders.

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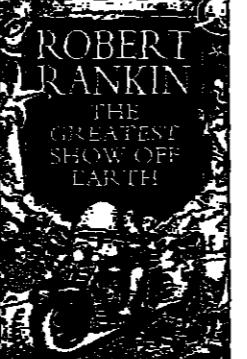
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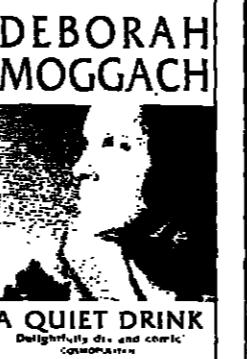
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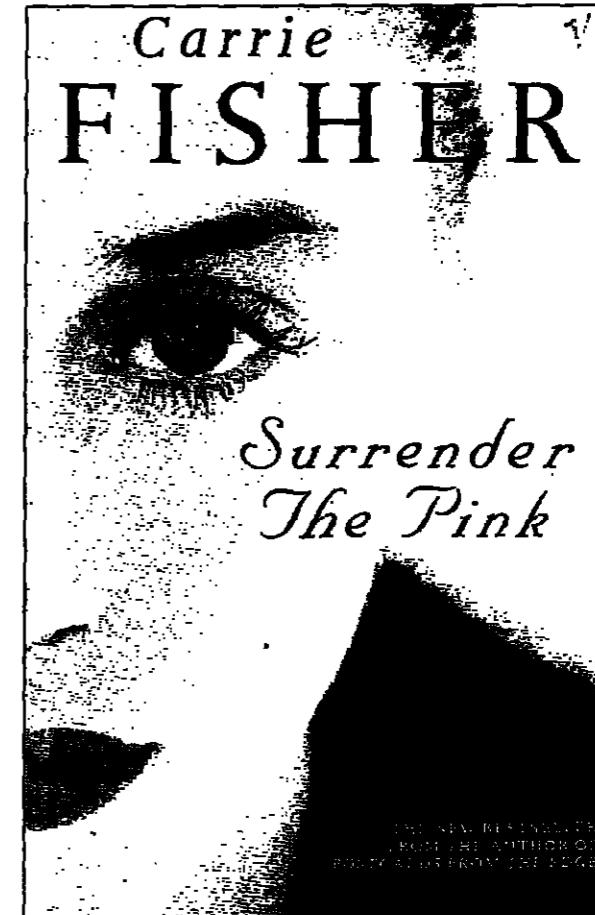
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Bath secure double as opponents pay penalty for professional fouls

Back's final gesture disgraces Leicester

Bath 16
Leicester 15

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE rugby season in England reached the conclusion it probably deserved at Twickenham on Saturday: the last gasp of amateurism was a tense yet dreadfully-flawed Pilkington Cup final that displayed just how far the sport has to go to attain universal acceptance in the professional era.

Bath will not perceive this season as unsatisfactory, far from it. Winners of the league and cup double for the fourth time, their reaction to imminent defeat was the very stuff of sport: it takes a champion team, refusing to accept second place, to place themselves in a position from which they can win, even if it took a controversial refereeing decision to make their dream come true.

That decision will resound into next season. At last, referees in England have come round to the view that killing the ball is not a display of bulldog grit but cheating. This is not to say that Bath are Simon-pure, but all teams have been warned this season that persistent infringement will be punished. It has happened in league games, in the university and international matches and now in a cup final.

Thus, Steve Lander had the courage to award the penalty try in the final minute which, when Jonathan Callard prodded the conversion between the posts, gave Bath the cup for the tenth time. The feelings of the Leicester players can only be imagined. To lose a league title a week earlier by a single point was disappointing enough; to lose the cup by a similar margin left them devastated.

Yet even that cannot excuse Neil Back's reaction when Lander called time. Whatever explanations and apologies may have been forthcoming, the England flanker was clearly seen to show the referee from behind in a petulant gesture from which rugby has been mercifully free over the years. No damage was done, nor will Lander complain, but that is not the point.

It is the example of a player laying hands on the referee that must be punished and Leicester, one of the clubs in



The Leicester players stand amazed and demoralised as Lander, the referee, awards the decisive penalty try to Bath in the last minute

the forefront of the professional debate, must be professional in their response. If they are not, then others will imitate Back's action and, in a game with as many opportunities for confrontation, the problem will expand and the supply of referees — already threatened this season by civil legislation — will wither. Leicester hope to conclude contractual negotiations with their playing squad this week and if they seek the moral high ground that could, on playing performance, have been theirs, they should find Back heavily.

They have already been lambasted by John Hall, Bath's director of rugby, as a "negative force" for whom victory would have been a disaster for rugby. The sad-

ness for Leicester, however, is that, in the first half, they showed how a judiciously-mixed game could beat Bath and then chose to retreat from it. That was a tactical decision for which Richards, as captain, must bear the blame.

Malone's early try was the product of simple rugby: a rumbling run by the outstanding Garforth, a quick ruck and the stand-off half was over.

Twice later on, they showed they could find cracks in the Bath wall, but then opted for the set-piece alone. Bath played as they did because they believe that ball-in-hand, fluid rugby is the only way to play in the new era and because, against Leicester's utterly magnificent pack, it had little choice.

Brian Ashton, their coach, emphasised the difference between the clubs: "We have to play to the talents of the players we have got," he said. Thus Catt, after a difficult year, came into his kingdom. Leicester have Underwood, Potter, the running talents of Liley, the most creative flanker in the country in Back — and in the second half they chose not to use them.

"As has been our wont this season, when opportunities have occurred, we have not made the best of them," Ian Smith, the Leicester coach, said in a compelling rationale of his team's defects from which they will either emerge as a more potent all-round force or be crushed by its own shortcomings.

That Bath, the highest try-scorers in the land during the league season, should lose the try count is irony indeed, but their attitude, which cannot be bought with mere money, justifies their achievements. When Poole flopped over from a Bath lineout to give Leicester a 15-9 lead, they dug into the deepest reserves in the English game.

Even those would not have been enough if Liley, wide with five of seven attempts at goal, had converted the try — but while Catt may not be the greatest tactical kicker, give him possession and he will find space where others cannot. Invariably, the first attacking Bath runner broke the gain-line and in those final frantic seconds Leicester were

penalised once, twice and a third time.

Lander warned Richards of the possibility of a penalty try — as he had done both captains before the match — but the No 8 did not hear him and, when Catt broke to within five metres and the ball died for a fourth time, the penalty try came and with it, Bath's iron hand on the cup.

SCORERS: Bath: Penalty try, Conversion: Catt. Drop goal: Catt, Leicester: Tries: Malone, Poole; Conversions: Liley, Penalty goal: Liley.

MEDICALS: Bath: A. Lomax, P. de Gouffet, A. McLean, J. Neath, N. Jenkins, Catt, A. Moot, D. McIntosh, J. Davies, J. Mallett, S. Ojomor, M. Haig, N. Redman, A. Roberson, N. Back, D. Richards.

Referee: S. Lander (Liverpool).

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The names for Jackie Stewart, Linford Christie, Bobby Moore, Torvill and Dean, Mary Rand, Ian Botham, Barry John, Nick Faldo, Steve Ovett, Bobby Charlton, Lester Piggott, Steven Redgrave, Kenny Dalglish and Denis Compton of the 20 shortlisted have been stated. Each week two contenders are examined and their relative merits discussed by the panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of *Total Sport*, and a guest celebrity (tonight it is Jeffrey Archer). Chairing the debate is Gordon Kennedy. The final show will give the results and declare *The Greatest*. *The Greatest* is screened on Channel 4 on Mondays at 8.30pm and repeated on Saturdays at 10am.

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He was sometimes criticised for negativity, especially after becoming England's first professional captain this century in 1952, but he played hard and to win. By the time he retired early, exhausted and with no fields left unconquered, he had led England in six series and never been beaten. He was the first England captain to beat Australia home and away. He was knighted in 1956.

SEBASTIAN COE
The Olympic 1500 metres has been won by some of the most distinguished athletes but only Sebastian Coe has been victorious at two Games. His gold medals in 1980 and 1984, secured despite enormous pressure, demonstrated his ability to rise to the occasion, even when challenged by such outstanding British contemporaries as Steve Ovett and Steve Cram. His rivalry with the pair may have stimulated Coe to achieve his physical potential but no runner has succeeded in beating his world 800 metres record of 1min 41.73sec, set in 1981. In a particularly competitive era for middle-distance running, Coe also took two Olympic silver and European bronze, silver and gold medals over 800 metres.

Coe was always gracious in defeat but he was intensely competitive in a race, particularly as in the Olympic 1500m finals, when he had been unfairly criticised by sections of the media. He suffered a series of injuries and illnesses with fortitude, usually recovering to produce his best in an important event. With Peter, his father and coach, Coe analysed what had gone wrong and was not afraid to try something new or to seek specific advice from specialists. He used his evident intelligence to improve his athletic performances. What Coe also enjoyed was a status and reputation, not only in Britain but across the world, as a model for the sport, frequently speaking out against drugs and for the integrity of the Olympic ideal.

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Insolvency assistance not available

In re Focus Insurance Co Ltd
Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor [Judgment March 12]

The English insolvency court would not assist the insolvency courts of another country pursuant to section 426(4) of the Insolvency Act 1986 where the relief sought was in relation to a person subject to a bankruptcy order in England and was inconsistent with the scheme imposed by the English insolvency legislation for the recovery of assets of a bankrupt.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division dismissing the application of the liquidators of a Bermudian company, Focus Insurance Co Ltd, made pursuant to section 426(4) of the 1986 Act, for assistance in making certain orders against the respondent, Mark Gregory Hardy, in order to facilitate the discovery of information relating to his assets outside Bermuda.

Miss Elizabeth Gloster, QC and Mr David Ashton for the Bermudian liquidators; Mr Hardy in person.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that Mr Hardy had been a director of Focus Insurance Co Ltd, a company carrying on general insurance and reinsurance business in Bermuda. That company was compulsorily wound up on February 5, 1991 pursuant to the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.

There was a substantial deficiency in the liquidation of over US \$70 million and the creditors were likely to receive a dividend in the region of one per cent.

On July 5, 1991 the liquidators brought an action against Mr Hardy for damages for breach of his fiduciary duties as a director of Focus. On the same day the Bermudian court granted a world wide Mareva injunction against Mr Hardy restraining him from disposing of his assets and requiring disclosure of their whereabouts.

The liquidator obtained judgment against Mr Hardy for US \$20 million odd on January 15, 1993. His Lordship would deal with the liquidator's application for the footing that that judgment was final and established a debt owing by Mr Hardy to Focus.

In an endeavour to obtain assets whereby Mr Hardy's judgment debt to them might be satisfied they instituted bankruptcy

proceedings against Mr Hardy in England and on June 10, 1993 a bankruptcy order was made. Focus' debt represented 99.9 percent of the total amount of the creditors' debts.

On November 3, 1995 the liquidators obtained an order from the Bermudian court for a letter of request asking the English court to make an order pursuant to section 426 of the 1986 Act.

Section 426(4) provides: "The courts having jurisdiction in respect to insolvency law in any part of the United Kingdom shall assist the courts having the corresponding jurisdiction in any other part of the United Kingdom or any relevant country or territory." Bermuda was a relevant country or territory for the purposes of subsection 4(4).

Section 426(4) appeared to impose on the courts of this country a mandatory obligation. The words used were "shall assist".

But, of course, the subsection was silent as to the manner in which the courts of this country "shall assist" and it was easy to conclude that it could not be supposed that the courts of this country would have a mandatory obligation to provide assistance in a manner that was contrary to the proper conduct of a bankruptcy in the country.

His Lordship considered *In re Donald Estates* [1992] BCLC 621 and *In re BCCI* [No 91944] 3 All ER 764 and concluded that the court should assist unless there was a compelling reason not to do so or unless there was some good reason for not doing so.

Once bankruptcy had intervened it was the function of the trustee in bankruptcy to obtain information about the assets. The judgment debt was no longer recoverable by the various processes normally available for the satisfaction of judgment debts.

Therefore the purpose behind the letter of request was opposed to the scheme for realisation of a debtor's assets and payment of the debtor's creditors prescribed by the bankruptcy legislation in force in this country.

Against that the liquidators argued that everything they were asking for had the support of the trustee who knew of the application and was not opposing it. Furthermore they undertook to remit to the trustee the net proceeds of any recoveries in respect of certain assets that they might

succeed in obtaining. But, of course, they would remit the net proceeds having deducted the expenses to themselves of obtaining the debts.

That did not seem to his Lordship to be entirely satisfactory. If a trustee in bankruptcy realised assets of the bankrupt the trustee would be accountable to the creditors and, in some circumstances, to the bankrupt, for what had been done.

In the present case, if that were to happen the injury to creditors other than Focus would be minute and to Mr Hardy himself, in view of the figures, would probably be nil.

But it was for the trustee to get in the assets of the bankrupt's estates and not for some creditor, even if the trustee did not propose to object to his doing so. That was implicit in the scheme prescribed by the 1986 Act for the administration of a bankrupt's estate and affairs by his trustee in bankruptcy.

There was no authority on the point, but the circumstances were, perhaps, too peculiar to make that a matter of surprise. It seemed to his Lordship that the inconsistency between what was now sought by the liquidators and the status of Focus as a creditor in an English bankruptcy did constitute good reason why he should not make the order sought.

There was, moreover, an element of oppression in that whatever order might be made obliging Mr Hardy to provide information, documents and so forth to the joint liquidators for the purposes of the Bermudian liquidation. Mr Hardy could be asked by the trustee in bankruptcy to repeat the process for the purposes of the English bankruptcy. It seemed oppressive that that should happen twice.

Accordingly, this was not a case in which it would be proper for the court to provide the Bermudian court with the assistance it sought for the purpose for which it sought it.

The liquidators of Focus, having decided to pursue English bankruptcy as the means of getting in their asset, could not, in his Lordship's judgment, then turn around and pursue remedies which were inconsistent with the bankruptcy that they had commenced.

The application under section 426(4) of the 1986 Act would be dismissed.

Solicitors: D. J. Freeman.

Disclosure of patent experiments

Mr Iain Purvis for the plaintiffs: Miss Antony Watson, QC and Mrs Daniel Alexander for the defendants.

JUDGMENT April 25

Disclosure by a party to a patent action, that he had conducted other experiments, on which he had chosen not to rely, should not normally lead a court to draw any inference as to what such experiments might have proved.

Mr Justice Laddie so held in the Patent Court of the Chancery Division when in dismissing (i) an action by the first plaintiff, Electrolux Northern Ltd, registered proprietor of European Patent (UK) No 037387, and by the exclusive licensee, Electrolux Outdoor Products Ltd, claiming infringement of that patent by the defendant, Black & Decker, and (ii) a counterclaim by the defendant for revocation of that patent on the ground of obviousness.

In *Honeywell Ltd v Appliance Components Ltd* (unreported, February 22, 1996), Mr Justice Jacob in the Patent Court had said: "I think it highly desirable in future, if experiments are conducted which are not relied upon, the other party is told of this... it can hardly be right that a party can put forward an argument whether supported by experiments or not and suppress experiments he has conducted which do not support that argument or indeed undermine or destroy it. I do not say that experiments not relied upon should be placed before the court. But the opposite party should know about them..."

Mr Christopher Floyd, QC and

experiment proved the other side's case or was damaging to its own. So what would be the result of forcing the withdrawer to disclose the abandoned experiment?

In the passion of litigation, the other side could lose little by applying for full discovery, putting the withdrawer in a cleft stick.

Honeywell raised the likelihood of the court drawing an adverse inference. It would have to disclose not only details of the experiment but also why it had been jettisoned. If the major reason was "advice of counsel and solicitors" must it waive privilege?

If the decision was based in part on advice of an expert not on its list of experts, must it apply for leave to put in evidence from him to explain his advice? And if the experiment was equivocal, must it carry out further experiments to prove it was right to believe there were good, non-infringing therefor jettison?

Was the court going to add to the burden of the trial the time and expense of considering whether, as there would be in most cases, a sensible, non-intrusive ground? Further, if that reasoning held good for experiments, why should it not hold for witnesses, including expert ones?

For those reasons, and with regret, his Lordship could not agree with the broad thrust of the Honeywell decision, in so far as it imposed a general duty on parties to disclose either abandoned experiments or other endeavours to find any other form of evidence.

Solicitors: Needham & Grant Eversheds.

European Law Report

Insurers might recover against drunken drivers

Criminal proceedings against Bernáldez
Case C-129/94.

Before D. A. O. Edward, President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges: J.-P. Puissacq, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, L. Sénior and M. Walther.

Advocate General C. O. Lenz
(Opinion January 25)

JUDGMENT March 28

Except in circumstances specified in a Community directive, a compulsory insurance contract could not provide that in certain cases, in particular where the driver of a vehicle was intoxicated, the insurer was not obliged to pay compensation for damage to property and personal injuries caused to third persons by the insured vehicle.

It could, however, provide that in such cases the insurer was to have a right of recovery against the insured.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities (Fifth Chamber) so held on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Audiencia Provincial de Sevilla, (Seville Provincial Court, Spain) by order of April 4, 1994.

In criminal proceedings against him the defendant, Rafael Ruiz Bernáldez, who had caused a road accident while driving while intoxicated, was ordered to make reparation for the damage he had caused.

However, the insurance company, with which the defendant had taken out a policy covering damage caused by his vehicle, was

absolved from liability to pay compensation on the basis of a Spanish law which excluded from cover damage to property caused where the driver was intoxicated.

Questions were referred on the interpretation of provisions of Council Directive 72/66/EEC of April 24, 1972 on the approximation of the laws of the member states relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of vehicles.

The original version of that article left it to the member states, however, to determine the damage covered and the terms and conditions of compulsory insurance.

In order to reduce the disparities which continued to exist between the laws of the member states with respect to the extent of the obligation of insurance cover, article 1 of the second directive required compulsory cover, as to civil liability, for both damage to property and personal injuries, up to specified sums.

Article 1 of the third directive extended that obligation to cover for personal injuries to passengers other than the driver.

Article 1(4) of the second directive also improved the protection of victims by requiring the member states to set up or authorise bodies responsible for providing compensation for damage to property or personal injuries caused by uninsured or unlicensed vehicles.

In view of the aim of ensuring protection, stated repeatedly in the directives, article 3(1) of the first directive, as developed and supplemented by the second and third directives, was to be interpreted as meaning that compulsory motor

systems must enable third party victims of accidents caused by vehicles to be compensated for all the damage to property and personal injuries sustained by them, up to the amounts fixed in article 1(2) of the second directive.

Any other interpretation would have the effect of allowing member states to limit payment of compensation to third party victims of a road traffic accident to certain types of damage, thus bringing about disparities in the treatment of victims depending on where the accident had occurred, which was precisely what the directives were intended to avoid.

Article 3(1) of the first directive would then be deprived of its effectiveness.

That being so, article 3(1) of the first directive precluded an insurer from being able to rely on statutory provisions or contractual clauses to refuse to compensate third-party victims of an accident caused by the insured vehicle.

In that context, the first subparagraph of article 2(1) of the second directive recalled that obligation with respect to provisions of clauses in a policy excluding from insurance the use or driving of vehicles in particular cases persons not authorised to drive the vehicle, persons in breach of the statutory technical requirements concerning the condition and safety of the vehicle.

However, by way of derogation from that obligation, the second and third sub-paraphrases of article 2(1) provided that certain per-

sons could be excluded from compensation by the insurer, having regard to the situation they had themselves brought about (persons entering a vehicle which they knew to have been stolen) or to the compensation they could claim elsewhere (victims who could obtain compensation for the damage suffered from a social security body).

In contrast, article 3(1) of the first directive did not preclude an insurer from relying on statutory provisions or contractual clauses to refuse to compensate third-party victims of an accident caused by an intoxicated driver.

That applied in particular to provisions or clauses which allowed the insurer to claim against the insured with a view to recovering the sums paid to the victim of a road traffic accident caused by an intoxicated driver.

That being so, article 3(1) of the first directive precluded an insurer from being able to rely on statutory provisions or contractual clauses to refuse to compensate third-party victims of an accident caused by the insured vehicle.

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The image of a brain scan is an amazing thing, and when it shows explosions of colour off-centre, it resembles an aerial view of a city bombed by night. Poring over such maps of brain activity in Channel 4's fascinating *Music and the Mind* last night, an experimental neurologist explained the significance of the seemingly random lights. This brain was listening to music, and two things happened. Predictably, an intense glow mushroomed in the area connected to musical ability; but another bang went off in the visual cortex as well. What did this mean? Actually, the significance was staggering. It meant that for the first time in science, the imagination had been proved to exist. Samuel Taylor Coleridge, wherever he is, must be a very smug chap today.

But the next sequence was even better. For next came the resultant brain activity when a person

simply imagined. The same maps of precision bombing were to be seen. "The impact is slightly less pronounced," said the neurologist (I'm paraphrasing). "But then, of course, there is no outside stimulus here. This is an entirely internal event." Good heavens. We were looking at the patterns produced in the brain by an entirely internal event. It was like looking into the mind of God! It was like... well, it was like watching *Karaoke!*

Oh God, we groan, what a waste of time! Well yes, I'm afraid so. Two more parts to go. It may be the equivalent of shuffling somebody else's brain scans in a deck, but it's a major broadcasting event nevertheless. Dennis Potter's last scripts have been treated with obsequious niceness by his solemnly entrusted executors; but personally I'm not sure the cunning plan has done his memory many favours. Without *Karaoke* and *Cold Lazarus* to contend with,

there would surely have been a retrospective season by now, and we'd all be saying what a great playwright he was. Instead, these lacklustre scripts (probably unfinished) are coated, page after page, with liquid money, in the hope that mere expenditure will make them shine. Sadly, however, the main interest is watching the eyes swivel in the heads of Richard E. Grant and Anna Chancellor. Still breathless from the honour of being cast, they now flounder, strain and gasp so horribly that it would be a kindness, surely, to bash them on the head.

But there were some absorbing scenes last night. Albert Finney's face-to-face with Saffron Burrows (the object of his desire) was touching and expansive, and contained one truly great moment: "You like gardens?" the chirpy-leggy cockney girl asked him, as they made their way, by

moonlight, down a metal fire escape into a fantasy hospital courtyard. "I like the word garden," he admitted, thoughtfully.

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A History of British Art (BBC2). Refreshingly bold, affectionate and informative, this intelligent series is the *Civilisation* of its day - and if such a sound-bit assessment is uncharacteristic, the habit may be catching. Graham-Dixon never baulks at superlatives. "The greatest collaborative work of art of the 18th century", he called Stowe last night. Hogarth was "the blackest imagination", and so on.

But he deserved his highest praise for Stubbs, a "quiet revolutionary" who didn't just paint horses: he painted "what it means to be alive". Graham-Dixon dominates your brain scan like nobody's business. "Stubbs knew we are all just bodies, and we are finally all alone," he said, before walking away from the camera, looking lonely. It's true, that's exactly what great art knows. And flawed though *Karaoke* may be, that's what Dennis Potter knew better than anyone.

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8.00 News (Ceefax) (3614612) 8.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4217167) 8.35 Teenzene: Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceefax) (5001322) 9.00 News (Ceefax) (5465098) 9.05 Mighty Max (s) (4790438) 9.25 Blue Peter (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7878705) 9.55 Orville and Cuddles (r) (244612) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (2421761)

10.25 FILM: *Jessica - The Movie* (1990) A Hanna-Barbera animation (Ceefax) (s) (7075149)

11.40 Fudge-a-Mania: American family comedy (Ceefax) (2567185)

1.10pm News (Ceefax) (59497419) 1.20 Regional News (Ceefax) (58628896) 1.20

1.25 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (65249631)

1.45 Carpool (81689322)

1.55 FILM: *Song of the South* (1946) with Bobby Driscoll and James Best. Oscar-winning mix of animation and live action, based on the *Uncle Remus* stories. Directed by Harve Foster and Wilfred Jackson (Ceefax) (s) (92310777)

3.30 FILM: *The King and I* (1956) with Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr. Musical about an English governess in 19th-century Siam. Directed by Walter Lang (Ceefax) (s) (16854964)

5.45 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (389235)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (227457)

6.15 Regional News and weather (738902)

6.20 FILM: *Batteries Not Included* (1987) with Jessica Tandy, Elizabeth Peña and Hume Cronyn. Charming fantasy from Steven Spielberg about a group of New York tenement dwellers who face eviction from their crumbling building by an unscrupulous property developer. Help comes in the shape of two tiny aliens from outer space. Directed by Matthew Robbins (Ceefax) (s) (17654490)

8.00 EastEnders (Ceefax) Pauline returns home resting from recent events (2341)

8.30 The Liver Birds: Carla Lane's original Liver Birds, Beryl and Sandra, reunite (Ceefax) (s) (8148)

9.00 Lord of Misrule: Political comedy drama written by Guy Jenkin (Ceefax) (s) (3815)

10.30 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (847877)

10.55 FILM: *The Hard Way* (1991) with Michael J. Fox and James Woods. Pampered movie star Nick Lang is desperate to land the lead role in a new police thriller. Unfortunately, Mel Gibson is also up for the part. Lang, ever professional, jumps in at the deep end and for some Method-style acting tuition and decides to team up with a tough lawman. Directed by John Badham (Ceefax) (s) (3386195)

12.40am FILM: *Girl on a Motor Cycle* (1988) with Merleanne Faillhiel and Alain Delon. *Aka Naked Under Leather*, this erotic cult classic is about a woman, already seduced by her two-month marriage to a teacher, who does her leather and heads off to visit her lover. What a scouser (at the time), Jack Cardiff directs (Ceefax) (2225552) 2.10 Weather (3420552)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Physics (7495726) 6.25 Data Modelling - the Wood from the Trees (7456235) 6.50 Silver (5497228)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (489554)

7.25 FILM: *It's a Gift* (1934). A slapstick comedy with W.C. Fields, at a loss in a California orange grove. Directed by Norman Z. McLeod (132173)

8.30 Thomas Hart Benton: A documentary portrait of the American artist (8921815)

9.55 FILM: *The Strawberry Blonde* (1941, b/w) Romantic comedy with James Cagney, Olivia de Havilland and Rita Hayworth. Directed by Raoul Walsh (9412376)

11.30 FILM: *Colorado Territory* (1949, b/w) with Joel McCrea, Virginia Mayo and Dorothy Malone. An infamous outlaw is persuaded by the leader of his old gang to take part in one more robbery. Raoul Walsh directs (23051)

1.00pm San Marino Grand Prix (r) (s) (3556033)

1.50 World Championship Snooker. Coverage of the third of the four sessions, best-of-35-frames final from *The Crucible*, Sheffield (s) (2730187). NB: subsequent programmes may run late

5.35 Winners and Losers: The Lost Wilderness. The second of a two-part documentary about the film-maker Eugene Schumacher's quest to film the rarest creatures on earth before they become extinct (Ceefax) (s) (644308)

6.00pm Sam Martino Grand Prix (r) (s) (3556033)

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Nolan report expected to give Tecs a clean bill of health

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S business-led training and enterprise councils (Tecs), which run industrial training in the UK, are expected to win the broad approval shortly of the Government's independent Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life.

The committee, chaired by Lord Nolan, will report shortly on its investigations of a range of local bodies, and its findings

are expected to give a largely clean bill of health to the Tec's.

Lord Nolan, whose first report on MPs and Parliament, reflected widespread criticism of sleaze and led to reforms of Parliament's operation, is examining a range of local bodies, including housing associations and grant-maintained schools, as well as Tec's, whose total current public spending amounts to £15 billion. The report is expected at the end of next week or early the week after. He is

expected to criticise some local bodies, especially over accountability, after examining both upward financial accountability to Whitehall and Parliament and downward accountability to the local communities in which they work, but will largely support the Tec's.

The committee is expected to support the Tec's own framework document on their local accountability. This document, which goes further than the rules laid down in the Tec's operating contracts

with the Government, puts forward a range of detailed proposals for Tec's and the business leaders on their boards, aimed at increasing openness, integrity and accountability. Lord Nolan is believed to recommend in his report that all English and Welsh Tec's should implement the proposals in the framework document.

The committee is likely to reject, for Tec's and the other local bodies it has examined, the idea of payment for people

serving on the organisations, and to recommend the maintenance of independent appointments to them.

But Lord Nolan will also recommend a time limit for Tec directors of four years — a year more than Tec sought — and will urge the adoption of a right of removal of directors if necessary. He will also give warning against conflicts of interest for business leaders between Tec board membership and the operations of their own businesses locally.

The committee is understood to have considered but rejected two more controversial proposals. First, the introduction of a regulator for the Tec's, along the lines of the system of utility regulators; and second, the idea of a national adjudicator, or ombudsman-style figure, on Tec issues. Tec leaders are likely to welcome Lord Nolan's recommendations and will say that they are already practising many of the committee's suggestions.

Lloyd's names to be thrown £1.2bn lifeline

By SARAH BAGNALL

LLOYD'S of London, the insurance market standing on the brink of collapse, is set to assure its survival with news of a surprise £1.2 billion boost for names.

According to high-level sources within Lloyd's, the insurance market's 34,000 names are to have their debts to the society cut sharply.

Those names who should benefit are the "honourable" names who have paid their losses as required, the market's hardest-hit names who have won legal actions and those who have legal actions pending against accountancy firms.

Furthermore, about 1,000 names are likely to join the existing 5,000 people owed money by Lloyd's.

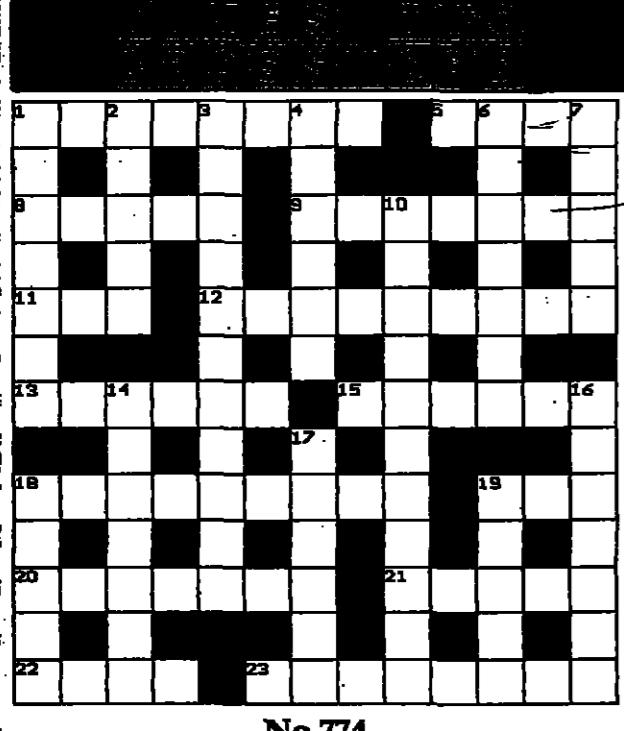
The reduction of more than £1.2 billion partly reflects an estimated £400 million of extra funds that Lloyd's has managed to raise from various sources to bolster its £2.8 billion settlement offer. However, the main benefit is an unexpectedly sharp drop of £900 million in the amount of

money names have to pay to Equitas, a new reinsurance company.

Earlier this year, Lloyd's forecast that the Department of Trade and Industry would require names to pay £1.9 billion into Equitas in return for offloading their liabilities relating to risks insured before 1993. Many of these liabilities relate to asbestos and pollution claims, emanating from the US, which are expected to continue feeding through as claims for many years to come.

However, *The Times* has been told that the DTI is close to agreeing that the Equitas premium need only be £1 billion, easing significantly the burden on names.

In March, Lloyd's sent names "estimates" of how much they have to pay to settle their debts, and, at the time, said that final statements would be sent by the end of May. The timetable has slipped, however, and final bills are now expected to be sent by the end of June, raising the possibility that the plan-



Somerfield staff share £2m bonus

By SARAH BAGNALL

MORE THAN 29,000 employees of Somerfield, Britain's fifth-largest supermarket chain, are set to share a £2 million bonanza.

The payments are a reward for providing high levels of service to customers over the past year and will result in some employees taking home a bonus of more than £700.

The 29,000 staff — all of whom work in the group's stores — will receive bonuses varying from half a week's to four weeks' extra pay.

The former Gateway group, forecast to make operating profit of about £55 million in the year to April 30, is thought to be heading for a £650 million stock market flotation this summer.

Each year the group's 40,000 store staff are eligible for a bonus, awarded on a

store-by-store basis. Last year, a "mystery shopper" visited 418 of the group's 610 stores and, using a range of measures, awarded bonus payments to staff in 383 stores.

This compares with the 282 stores employing 24,000 people, that qualified for payments in the previous year.

Measures include timeliness of the store, quickness of service and staff attitude to customers.

Somerfield, formed in 1992,

is owned by the debt-laden Isosceles. Isosceles bought the former Gateway chain in a highly leveraged £2.1 billion deal but then nearly collapsed.

Radical restructuring resulted in Gateway supermarkets being ring-fenced from £744 million of debt, which was left in the parent. Gateway retained £400 million of debt.

BA director quits over prospects

The marketing director of British Airways has resigned suddenly just 10 months into the post after a row with the company over his job prospects.

Ford Emaus, 40, is said to be disappointed at the lack of opportunities available to him at BA.

The company was refusing to give reasons for his departure or say if the parting was amicable. "Ford Emaus is currently on leave as his wife is expecting a baby," said a spokesman. "He has resigned and will be leaving the company this week."

A former Oxford United footballer, Mr Emaus joined BA from Freight of the Loom, the US clothing company.

Jobs forecast

Almost one and a half million jobs will be created during the next five years — but they will all be part-time. The prediction is from David Kern, chief economist for the National Westminster Bank, in a report published today. He says the number of full-time jobs will fall by 10,000 in the same period. Unemployment will also fall, to 1.3 million by the year 2001, almost half a million below its mid-1995 level, says Mr Kern.

City guide

Industry and the City must continually improve their mutual understanding in order to promote the long-term health of both, according to a guide on key business relationships today. Produced by the Institute of Directors, the Institute of Investment Management and Research and the London Investment Banking Association, the guide seeks to promote best practice.

Pay settlements set to start falling, says IRS

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PAY settlements in Britain are likely to start falling, according to a new report today on current wage deals.

Though the Government's official earnings figures moved up marginally last month, Whitehall officials suggested bonus payments were an influence, and ministers remain convinced that actual pay settlements are remaining steady.

But the latest wage survey from Industrial Relations Services (IRS), the pay specialist, suggests that, after six months in which awards have stayed at an average 3.5 per cent, "the



Malcolm Jessop, managing director of Telephone Information Services, was celebrating the 50 millionth phone call to its weather forecasting service at the weekend. The company provides forecasts for industry and those worried about unreliable bank holiday weather

US utility close to agreed £2bn Midland bid

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ANOTHER domino is likely to fall this week in the electricity sector with an American bid worth almost £2 billion for Midland Electricity, the regional company that had hoped to merge with another American deal before the results of such action is known.

Weekend reports suggesting an agreed offer was imminent were confirmed by sources close to the bid, from General Public Utilities (GPU) of the US and a partner. The reports talked of an offer of about 450p a share. GPU's partner is thought to be Cinergy, of Cincinnati, although the company had been talking to Mission Energy, a third American utility.

Midlands' shares jumped 38p, to 423p, on Friday, valuing the company at £1.6 billion, after the board disclosed talks with a potential bidder.

GPU, which generates most of the power used in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, is the operator of the Three Mile Island plant at which a disaster was narrowly averted in 1979.

It is known to be stalking a British electricity company together with a US partner. Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, sent a rival bid from PowerGen for Midlands to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Any approach to Midland would have to be an agreed one and would come this week, pitched at about 450p a share. This price would be far ahead of the 371p that was on offer from PowerGen. But the presence of the latter on Midlands' share register, with a 21 per cent holding, is a complicating factor.

Ed Wallis, PowerGen's chief executive, is furious about Mr Lang's intervention to block a deal that had been expected to go through and is considering a judicial review to have it overturned. His company might then hold back from asserting its shareholding to any American deal before the results of such action is known.

NatWest says shun Railtrack

THE National Westminster Bank has advised selected customers to boycott the near-£2 billion Railtrack float because of political uncertainty if Labour wins the next election.

A leaked letter to some investors says that the Railtrack flotation presents much higher risk than recent privatisations. The bank played down the letter, saying that it had advised those particular customers of potentially attractive short-term returns, as well as their inherent risks.

Reports of a rift between the Treasury and the Department of Transport on pricing the float were also played down, with Railtrack sources stating that indicative prices announced last week could still be raised.

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Despite appearances, Lisa Eichhorn will soon be playing Monroe on stage. Daniel Rosenthal reports

Perfectly misfitted to be Marilyn

As an up-and-coming film actress at the tail end of the Seventies, Lisa Eichhorn wanted to be the next Ingrid Bergman. The great Hollywood director George Cukor saw her on stage in 1982 and described her as Garboesque. Now, the former American at Oxford and star of *Yanks* is inviting comparisons with a third screen goddess: Marilyn Monroe.

Eichhorn, her brown hair dyed blonde, has flown from Manhattan to Manchester to portray Monroe in the world premiere of a play which dramatises the fraught production of what was to be her final film, *Arthur Miller's* bittersweet Western, *The Misfits*.

Set in 1960, in the 100-degree heat of Nevada, *Misfits* by Texan playwright Alex Finkley, depicts Monroe approaching her lowest ebb. When she and Miller joined John Huston, Clark Gable and Montgomery Clift in Reno, their marriage was foundering and Monroe was increasingly dependent on barbiturates and her acting coach, Paula (wife of Lee Strasberg). The play shows a pill-guzzling star jeopardising the completion of the picture.

"*Misfits* is Alex's imaginative vision of those two months in Nevada, not a black and white account," Eichhorn says. "My research has taught me that everybody remembers very different facts about the same events in Marilyn's life, so you can't have a definitive version."

"The people I've spoken to who knew Marilyn — including Kenneth, her hairdresser, and the actress Shelley Winters — say she was the nicest person they ever met. But she had a lot of demons. When she came to *The Misfits* she was also profoundly disappointed by her marriage to Miller. The union of intellectual god and sex goddess was not working."

In his autobiography Miller said he created Roslyn, the divorcee who finds hope in *The Misfits* with Gable's ageing cowboy, as "a gift" to his troubled wife. But Eichhorn believes the great playwright was wrong to incorporate elements of Marilyn's life, such as her early nude modelling and intense unfulfilled desire for children, in Roslyn. "Those aspects of the part must have felt gruesome for Marilyn, like a terrible betrayal," she says. "But she still produced a magical performance that lets the camera into Roslyn's soul."

At 44, Eichhorn is ten years older than Monroe was in 1960, slimmer and finer-

featured. She will wear replicas of Monroe's costumes and has been working on the uniquely breathy voice and "liquid movement", but promises an interpretation rather than an impersonation. "There will be people who see me and say: 'She's too short', or 'She doesn't sound right'. But I hope they'll appreciate the quality of Alex's writing."

Although Eichhorn might fare poorly in a Monroe lookalike contest, her experience of Hollywood has given her an affinity with Marilyn that goes beyond their shared membership of the Strasberg's Actors Studio in New York. "I could have gone the way of pills and drink, as Marilyn did," she says.

After growing up amid the steel plants and stocking factories of Reading, Pennsylvania, she read English and Drama at Queen's University, Ontario. A one-year Rotary scholarship then took her to St Peter's College, Oxford, where she "fell in love" with England and excelled in student productions, including a *Tempest*, directed by Mel Smith. The young Alan Rickman told her

to audition for Rada. She won a place and supported through her training by a wealthy, theatre-loving friend of her grandmother, did repertory theatre in Hornchurch, Bolton and Windsor.

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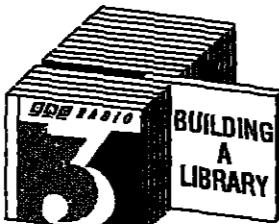
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A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3



SCHUBERT'S WINTERREISE

by Alan Blyth

Schubert's second song cycle, to the poetry of Wilhelm Müller, depicts the bleak winter journey of a rejected lover, tramping his way forlornly across a winter landscape.

There are, incredibly, more than 50 versions in the catalogue, most of them by baritones or basses, a few by tenors — and four by mezzos of whom Brigitte Fassbender, in a searing, highly idiosyncratic and very free reading (EMI CDC7 40946-2), is by far the most convincing: an obsessed, deeply despondent soul, making a strong case for a female interpreter whatever the texts may tell us to the contrary.

The first recording of all, made in 1933 by Gerhard Hüsch (Preiser 89202), represents the old, respected, honestly sung tradition of his era. This was succeeded by the more haunted and troubled readings, five of them, by the towering figure of Hans Hotter, the best of which (EMI version of 1954 (CDH7 61002-2) with Gerald Moore, remains an engrossing performance.

His famous successor, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, made no fewer than eight versions, each in its own way revelatory. Of those available at present, choose the DG budget-label version with Daniel Barenboim (DG Classik 439 432-2), made in

1980 with the singer at the peak of his powers and Barenboim providing deeply considered playing.

In his brand new reading, more contained and poignant than Fischer-Dieskau's, Wolfgang Holzmair has Imogen Cooper as his discerning partner (Philips 446 607-2). Other restrained performances are those with a forte piano accompaniment. Among these, Ernst Haefliger, with Jörg-Ewald Dahler playing a sweet-toned instrument of 1820, is remarkable for frugal, unsophisticated interpretation (Claves CD 50-208).

Among modern tenors when time seems to stop, but the score is much more than shadowy orchestral sonorities: at the climax the tuba's rapidly-fired notes are answered by volleys on the timpani. Owen Slade was a virtuosic soloist, and Welser-Möst controlled his forces expertly.

The following evening Peter Eötvös took charge of the more substantial — indeed, extraordinarily complex — *Antiphones* in a performance that reunited Joanne MacGregor and the Philharmonia, the pianist and orchestra responsible for its premiere three years ago. *Antiphones* has no programme: it is music

Dark and joyful happening

CONCERTS

Birtwistle Festival
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that "happens", and in its fascinating way manages to sound simultaneously anguished and joyful. The half-hour score gives the soloist no respite until resolving itself quietly, and the indomitable MacGregor seemed to relish her role as mediator between sections of the orchestra.

Eötvös coupled Birtwistle with a solid programme of Stravinsky and Bartók, and directed the latter's early *Four Pieces for Orchestra* with an ear for its rich colours and textures. He is a precise conductor, but one listened in vain for tighter ensemble from the vast orchestra.

Welser-Möst's LPO programme surrounded the D minorish *Anubis* with three Mozart works, all in D major or minor. Radu Lupu was the soloist in the Concerto Rondo, K382 and the Concerto No 20, K466. He confirmed his reputation as a glowing, natural Mozartian in the first piece, but in spite of many magical moments in the second was so headstrong that some of its richness escaped him.

The conductor was no help, and apparently has little to say about Mozart. In the outer movements of the *Haffner* Symphony he mistook speed for dramatic excitement. So much Mozart from him in one evening was too much of a mediocre thing.

JOHN ALLISON



Lisa Eichhorn, hair dyed blonde for the part, takes on the spirit of Marilyn Monroe in *Misfits*

Warm, rich and mellow

BLUES

Jimmy Witherspoon
Jazz Café, NW1

young serviceman singing with the Teddy Weatherford band. He revisited his early years to give us his first big hit. *Tain't Nobody's Business If I Do*, before launching into an impressive *Stormy Monday* 17 years ago.

He started slowly, if a little unsurely, with *Gee Baby, Ain't I Good To You* before slipping effortlessly into Amos Milburn's *One Scotch, One Bourbon, One Beer*. Then came a well-thumbed succession of blues standards with Witherspoon, his voice stronger and more confident and still capable of the velvet growl that marked his work in the Fifties and Sixties, skipping from *Trouble in Mind* to *Cherry Red Blues* and from *I'm Gonna Move to the Oceanside Town to Every Day I Have the Blues*.

As a performer, Witherspoon has found it easy to move from blues to jazz. Unfortunately his jazz-based backing group of piano, bass, drums and sax found the journey more difficult. They were fine on the slower numbers but when the tempo quickened, with Witherspoon switching from *Big Boss Man* to *Hi-Heel Sneakers*, there was a crying need for a decent blues guitarist and a pianist with a strong left hand.

Still, it didn't faze Jimmy, an artist who, he told us, first discovered the blues in Calcutta when he was a

JOHN CLARKE

Blues. Nattily dressed in a pin-striped suit, the 72-year-old looked like a benign South American dictator as he ended the evening as he began it, with some quiet and reflective pieces including *A Wonderful World*, the Louis Armstrong hit he had already performed earlier in the set but had decided to reprise because "it's my favourite song".

It was an evening that was rich and warming — like perhaps, a good strong cup of coffee.

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A voyage round his daughter

Rumpole's creator is being eclipsed by his daughter. Rachel Kelly met her

At the moment, Emily Mortimer is most famous for being John Mortimer's daughter. But soon she may cease to be introduced as his offspring, and he may have to accept being known as her father.

She has already had the call from Hollywood and this summer stars as Vat Kilmister's wife in *The Ghost and the Darkness*. In the film, shot in Africa, she is supposedly consumed by a lion.

"He was in a cage for three days without being fed. Then they let him out and tempted him with a frozen chicken. I had to run in front of him, trying not to look like the chicken, as best I could," she recalls from the comfort of an armchair in the Halcyon Hotel in London's Notting Hill, close to her newly-acquired one-bedroom flat.

Then tonight she appears with Richard Wilson — he of Victor Meldrew fame — in a Hat Trick production for BBC1's Screen One series, *Lord of Misrule*. She plays Wilson's granddaughter, a naive young journalist who grows up in the course of the film by challenging his dominance — and winning. She handles the only serious role in an otherwise farcical romp with aplomb.

And last month, she joined the



Father: John Mortimer

Oxfordshire) so we had to go to someone else's home. I burst into tears in the middle. Dad was completely relaxed and not really trying. I kept saying terrible things like 'We can't do this... it's all right for you... you're at the end of your career. I'm at the beginning of mine... Do something.'

Like many famous offspring,

she is very conscious of an unspoken perception that she has got where she is only because of her father, barrister, author and *Rumpole of the Bailey* creator. But her first thespian break came about in traditional style, when she was spotted in a student

production by a theatrical agent. She had her first television part — as a rich girl in *The Glass Virgin* — secured before she finished finals in 1994 at Oxford. (She read Russian and English and got a 2:2.)

"Of course having done interviews, people know that I'm his daughter," she says. "And I'm delighted and chuffed and proud to be. My only fear is that people will be disappointed in me — that I'm not as funny or as clever or such a good egg as him. He really is the best company, the best raconteur. And he's been incredibly supportive. I wouldn't look to

him for constructive, objective criticism. He is pathetically proud."

Emily, 24, is John's daughter by his second wife, Penelope, by whom he also has an 11-year-old daughter, Rosie. He has two other children by his first wife. "My father secretly wanted to be an actor."

"When he was asked to play Richard II at the Dragon school aged ten, he said it was the best moment of his life. So we share a love of theatre, but our relationship is polite rather than passionate. It's a great friendship."

That with her mother is more

intense. "We are so similar, and so different. I'm always borrowing her clothes, which drives her mad."

Her background implies enormous self-confidence. School was the top academic training ground, St Paul's Girls School in Hammersmith, West London. Mother and daughter would spend their weeks in a Notting Hill flat, and weekends in Oxfordshire with John. Yet beneath her fluent, sunny exterior, she is riddled with self-doubt.

"My dad doesn't mind what people think about him, but I worry about it dreadfully. I'm absolutely, constantly neurotic. I

keep having to have words with myself. I do feel I have to live up to people's expectations of me. I worry about my acting. Actresses all worry anyway. But I didn't go to drama school and I've never done a professional stage play. I'm convinced that someone will discover I'm a useless actress quite soon."

Perhaps to cushion any thespian disappointment, she is keeping a few other literary tricks up her sleeve. She is toying with a biography about Chekhov's wife, Olga Knipper, who was the playwright's actress and muse. She

would love to return to Russia, where she worked at the Moscow Arts Theatre in her gap year.

Next month, she is filming *The Saint*, but other than that the theatrical cupboard is bare. Hollywood does not charm her. "Los Angeles would be much too terrifying," she says.

Anyway, there's her boyfriend, Tom Ward. He had a bit part in last year's *Pride and Prejudice* and is filming *Moll Flanders* with Diana Rigg. And the new Notting Hill flat. And of course, there are weekends at home in Oxfordshire with that famous father.

● *Lord of Misrule* is on BBC1 tonight at 9pm



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Crime buster

Giles Whittell on the unusual methods of forensic artist Jeanne Boylan, and how she is beating the police

Jeanne Boylan, America's top forensic artist, appeared briefly on ABC's network news the other night. It was the eve of the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and Ms Boylan was in Oklahoma. She was sitting on a sofa, interviewing a man who delivers Chinese food for a living, sketching a face.

When she had finished she showed the sketch to the man, who murmured in baffled wonder: "It's as real as when I saw him."

The face he recognised belonged to a suspected "third man" whom the FBI is still hunting in connection with the bombing. ABC wanted to know why the sketch had not been commissioned earlier. A better question would have been how it was produced at all on the basis of a fleeting glimpse a year ago, at night.

The answer is remarkable, since not once in Ms Boylan's five-hour interview with the delivery man did she mention the suspect, the circumstances of the sighting or the explosion that killed 168 people.

Jeanne Boylan is 42 but she looks (and whispers) a bit like Marilyn Monroe in her prime. She is not an artist, nor a detective, nor aclairvoyant. She is a psychology graduate with patience and intuition.

Her speciality is the retrieval of precious mental snapshots from eyewitnesses' memories. The sketches she produces, often after traditional forensic artists have failed, are dead ringers for some of America's most wanted criminals.

If her work weren't so serious it might earn her millions as a variety act.

Instead, after helping to solve

7,000 cases in a 15-year career,

she is known and trusted at the highest levels of the FBI.

She is not suing the FBI,

but she is suing 35 makers of

Unabomber T-shirts who are

using her sketch without her

permission. For this she has

been pilloried as a profiteer.

She responds angrily: "Of

course I'm not doing this for

the money. It's a matter of

principle, of what we do to

glorify a serial killer."

Ms Boylan is not psychic either. Her technique is to handle eyewitnesses' memories like rare porcelain. Nothing is more guaranteed to distract a witness's recollection, she says, than being asked to flip through a folder of 960 chins, ears, eyes and beards.

This is the "composite" approach taught by every law enforcement agency in the country, including the FBI.

Her alternative is known in

psychology circles as diversionary interviewing. She sits down with witnesses, without distractions, for as long as it takes to win their trust. Instead of talking about the crime or the suspect she talks about anything but — "any-



From left: the police composite of 12-year-old Polly Klaas's alleged killer, Jeanne Boylan's drawing, and the accused man, Richard Allen Davis

thing that elicits a positive response" — from hobbies to the weather. Eventually, often in the last hour of the interview, she asks abstract questions about texture and shape.

The results are extraordinary. In the Poly Klaas case the initial police composite sketch of a 5ft 3in man with a headband turned up no leads. Two weeks later Ms Boylan interviewed two of Polly's friends who were with her on the night of her abduction. She produced a radically different portrait of a 5ft 7in man with no headband. When Richard Allen Davis was eventually arrested, Ms Boylan's sketch was described by a local policeman as "eerie — almost like a photo".

Three months later detectives were giving up in the hunt for the killer of a Los Angeles policeman. Ms Boylan was called in to interview witnesses and an arrest was made within days of her sketch. In April 1994 she helped to solve San Francisco's Good Samaritan murder, but only after the mother of the victim, a 23-year-old environmentalist who pursued a street hoodlum after a robbery, failed to persuade the police to hire Ms Boylan, and did so herself.

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has come a long way since stumbling on forensic drawing while working part-time at a sheriff's station to pay her way through college. Before becoming a speaker feted from Moscow to El Salvador, she endured years of sexism and suspicion from police artists and detectives jealous of her results. (Composite sketching has a 20 per cent accuracy rate. Ms Boylan's accuracy rate is in the 90s.) "At meetings I'm ostracised; she helped to solve San Francisco's Good Samaritan murder, but only after the mother of the victim, a 23-year-old environmentalist who pursued a street hoodlum after a robbery, failed to persuade the police to hire Ms Boylan, and did so herself.

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with assorted celebrities. This was no shady jamboree held to flatter the egos of powerful but sinister men. Rather it was Mr Armani's sincere attempt to step down from his Mila-ness ivory tower and involve

himself with the real world. Of course, if the Italian tax authorities have their way, the designer will not need to make any special effort. They have their very own programme planned out for him in an Italian jail.

But his personal trou-

bles have not deterred him from philanthropic effort. When his "people" in Britain came across a small charity called RAPt, the Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners Trust, they were quick to establish links.

Mr Armani himself judged a competition for prisoners to design T-shirts, and now the three winning entries are to be sold for £15 at branches of Emporio Armani.

At yesterday's launch, there were six current inmates of Downview and Coldingley medium security prisons, all wearing the designs. Another



One of the prisoner-designed T-shirts

decided to become involved because they were "moved" by what they saw of the RAPt programme. But no one can seriously believe that a fashion empire would make such a public connection on an emotional whim. A spokeswoman for Giorgio Armani's London office concedes that the charity had to gel with the company's strategic aims. "Obviously the lifestyle connection is relevant to Armani. Crime affects us all."

But fashion commentators can perceive a more sophisticated agenda. The editor of men's magazine Arena, Peter Howarth, is convinced of Mr Armani's philanthropic intent, but says it also reflects a move to put men's fashion at the heart of popular culture.

Designers have spent the

and into the mainstream. "So this latest initiative from Armani is wholly appropriate," says Howarth.

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I appear to be going through an identity crisis: not my own — not yet, anyway — but other people's

Oh dear. Last week I started in confusion and ended in despair. The way my life is going, the errors and apologies will be longer than my autobiography. Apologies this week are due to Thomas Paton, Danny Crossley, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Tim Rice, Lady Thorneycroft, Dame Thora Hird and Aunty Madge's relations.

Let us begin with Aunty Madge. She and my uncle Lester have been married for 40 years and last Sunday, their daughter Lorna gave a surprise wedding anniversary party for them. It was fun. I attended bearing my gift, still, unfortunately, in an old plastic bag. Madge has never pulled her punches ("Ooh, aren't you looking old!" she greeted me) and is much admired by us all at present for having set upon a mugger who tried to rob Uncle Lester last month. The mugger lost badly. "I always told myself," said Madge, who used to work in a shop, "that if anyone threatened me I would just give them the money. But that was the boss's money." I should know all Madge's family.

I do, when I think about it, but on Sunday I could not have been thinking about it. "Who's that man, who looks a bit like you?" I asked my cousin Mark.

"My brother," said Mark. Sorry, Mark: sorry David.

That was Sunday. On Monday, last week's equivalent of this column appeared. It reported an evening out at the musical *Cats*. I complimented the dancer, Thomas Paton, on his sparkling interpretation of Mistoffelees, and mentioned that Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber had written *Cats* after writing *Cats*. On Tuesday, a number of Times readers informed me that Lloyd Webber did not write *Cats*: it was Sir Tim Rice. Sorry, Sir Tim Rice; sorry Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber.

On Wednesday, Thomas Paton telephoned me at The Times. My *Cats* programme was out of date, he said. He had not danced the role of Mistoffelees, having left *Cats* to join *Grease*. It was his understudy, Danny Crossley, whom I had seen dancing so well. Mr Paton wondered whether I could find a way of giving credit where due to Danny Crossley. Sorry, Thomas: sorry Danny.

That was Wednesday. I had been looking forward to Thursday, for I had an invitation to a luncheon given by the outgoing Lord Mayor of Westminster, Dame Thora Hird, whom I have always wanted to meet, was to be there.

It was a great occasion. As outgoing Lord Mayor, Councillor Alan Bradley had assembled a real kaleidoscope of guests, many of

For a wild moment, it occurred to me that Douglas Hurd might be Thora's son.

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him respect his memory. But when you get out of your depth, you panic. I should have explained and apologised, but I thought, 'Well, maybe Peter Thorneycroft was married to Thora Hird. Actresses do sometimes keep their stage names.'

For one wild moment, it even occurred to me that Douglas Hurd might be Thora's son. I realise that sounds preposterous now but, at the time, funny things cross your mind. So I kept babbling mindlessly away, as if this might have been Thora Hird. Poor lady, she must think I'm quite mad. Sorry, Dame Thora Hird; sorry Lord Mayor. Sorry everyone.

Some years ago my secretary, Mrs Wright, who may soon have to leave her desk and trail around after me like a mental nurse, had endured a week in which I had mistaken all my engagements. Summoning me on the Friday, she pointed to a stack of small cards, on each of which she had set out details of succeeding engagements: a sort of idiot's guide — whom I was meeting, where, why, etc, in chronological order. The final card was blank, save the words, 'Matthew Parris MP.'

"Why my name, Eileen?" I asked.

"For when you forget it," she said.

The central principles of Tory philosophy live, yet Government faith in them appears to have died

Cold comfort for cradle-Conservatives

Roman Catholics in Liverpool are divided about the character of the new archbishop they would like to succeed the late Derek Worlock. Some want a continuation of his ecumenical and socially left-wing leadership, and would like another archbishop of the same sympathy. Others have petitioned the Vatican and the English bishops for a more conservative archbishop. One of these conservatives, Bart Harrington, has written a letter to *The Daily Telegraph* which quotes their petition. I personally have no sympathy with the Liverpool petitioners' attack on Archbishop Worlock's ecumenism, but at least one paragraph will strike a sympathetic note with a wider audience.

The growing denunciation of Catholicism is due to a lack of vision which arises from the absence of hope, which in turn comes from the decline in belief among Catholics of what the Catholic Church truly is. So far as I am concerned, as a Roman Catholic, I look to the Pope, the bishops and the Second Vatican Council to tell me what the Catholic Church truly is. I am suspicious of those protestants of the Catholic right who implicitly reject the teaching authority of that council and, therefore, of subsequent Popes. But I recognise the force of what the petitioners are arguing.

There were a lot of Conservatives before the local elections, and maybe even more after them, who would exactly endorse that Liverpool sentence if the words "Catholicism", "Catholics" and "Catholic Church" were replaced with the words "Conservatism", "Conservatives" and "Conservative Party". There is a "growing demise" of Conservatism: there is a "lack of vision", there is a "decline of belief" among Conservatives. These statements could scarcely be denied. The question is whether this decline has been caused by a lack of understanding of what Conserva-

tism truly is. Is the decline of the Conservative Party the result of its current leadership being too Conservative or of its not being Conservative enough?

Some people argue the former case. Tony Blair often says that the Government has moved to the right. Tony Blair is an interesting political commentator, shrewd about many things, but he cannot justify this proposition, either in terms of personalities or policies. The only thing which makes John Major look at all right wing is that he is to the right of Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine. If one compares him to his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, he looks to be on the soft-centre Left. Kenneth Clarke himself occupies a political position distinguishable from Tony Blair's only by the party logo. Yet Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine have a veto power on Government policy. They are "the big beasts of the jungle" in Downing Street phraseology, and the Prime Minister does not try to impose his will against theirs. At best, as with the referendum, he will engage in a protracted negotiation under external pressure. The Cabinet's tiddlers are worse: look at John Gummer, and the像

stone of policy, and suspect that it has been sacrificed to the European Union, in Maastricht, in beef and fish, in money and in the subordination of the British to the European courts. They share President De Gaulle's vision of a Europe of independent nations and reject Chancellor Kohl's vision of a Europe on the federal German model. They fear that the Kohl view is winning in Europe and do not trust the Government to oppose it.

They consider that the state has

quarter — none accept the common European rule of a half or more.

They believe, and this coincides with Roman Catholic belief, that society is sustained by institutions and by the family, and they do not think family savings should be taxed when they are handed down from one generation to the next. They see this as almost an anti-family government, particularly in taxation and in proposing fault-free, clap-your-hands divorce. If one asks why there is so little hope left among these natural Conservatives, it is because they regard the Government as indifferent or hostile to Conservative principles. They do not forget Maastricht, they do not forgive the Lord Chancellor's divorce proposals.

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often are, misrepresented. Conservative beliefs centre on concepts of duty, family, respect for law, low government, low taxation, national independence, business opportunity, individualism, liberty. Like any other set of beliefs, they can become exaggerated in particular policies, but that is not now the danger. These are the widely held beliefs of large numbers of ordinary people, who are not among the rich and privileged. The Labour Party knows their strength and Tony Blair often advocates them, if rather selectively.

These beliefs are nowadays much more strongly maintained among the electorate than they are by the Government. They are also psychologically associated with a belief in the need for leadership. I recently spent an evening with some deeply Conservative farmers in the West Country: they are extremely angry about what they see as the mishandling of "mad cow disease". One of them summed up their feelings: "The trouble with this country is that we're not getting any leadership from this Government", or, he added regretfully, "from the Royal Family".

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When decency is not enough

Peter Riddell says that the Prime Minister's doggedly fair image is almost his last hope

John Major's main weakness as a politician is that he believes in fairness. He has little of the worldly-wise cynicism of, say, Michael Heseltine, or the damn-all robustness of Kenneth Clarke.

Mr Major believes he is being treated unfairly by much of the media, by his critics in the Conservative Party and by the Opposition. However, steadily he claims to have become, he still feels criticism personally. He is genuinely angered by Tony Blair's attacks in the Commons and by what appears in the press, and he can give detailed examples.

Mr Major has a point. Many of his press and party critics seem to be in a fantasy world, demanding shifts in a "true blue" direction which would make Tory divisions even worse. As I have argued before, the Major Government is not nearly as bad as its critics allege. It has addressed, in some cases belatedly, the key issues of managing the economy and public services and has taken risks over Northern Ireland, even if it has fudged over Europe.

Appeals to fairness may eventually count with historians, who will rate Mr Major more highly than his contemporaries do, but they are irrelevant for voters during the next 12 months.

After the local elections a year ago, I discussed the conditions which had in the past led to a loss of office. There is no fixed formula, but each defeated government has suffered from at least five or six of the factors. In May 1992, the Tories had already fulfilled at least six of the eight criteria for defeat, and most have got worse since



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then. The Major Government is deeply split over a key issue (Europe, with no sign of any truce); has broken a pledge to voters by raising taxes, only partly offset by recent cuts; has presided over a crisis in financial markets which has damaged claims to economic competence (Black Wednesday); has alienated many party supporters (by appearing out-of-touch and disunited); has given an impression of sleaze and scandal (continued stories about MPs' outside financial interests) and faces an opposition that looks like a credible alternative government (the continuing Blair effect).

On each of these occasions, the party regrouped quickly and was back in office within half a dozen years. The only real parallel with now is the collapse of the Balfour Government in 1905. This was followed by a decade of Tory infighting over leader-

ship and policy, and loss of credibility as an alternative government which was only really ended by the First World War.

Moreover, it is hard to see much scope for improvement in any of the nine factors before the election. Appeals for party unity made by Mr Heseltine and others yesterday are immediately contradicted by the Eurosceptics' determination to press their campaign. John Redwood's mini-manifesto on Wednesday will be seen as underlining, rather than healing, party divisions. Even the economy may be less of a plus over the next 12 months than the Tory leadership hopes.

Admittedly, living standards are now rising and the housing market is picking up. But the political world is paying less attention than it should to worries in financial markets about

the deterioration in public finances. If he is to retain his reputation as a fiscally responsible Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke will have to rule out big tax cuts in the November Budget and may have to consider tax increases and/or politically unpopular cuts in public spending. A rise in interest rates may be hard to avoid over the next 12 months: any early cut could undermine confidence and could even trigger a sterling crisis. Mr Clarke has much less freedom of manoeuvre than the more gung-ho Tory backbenchers believe.

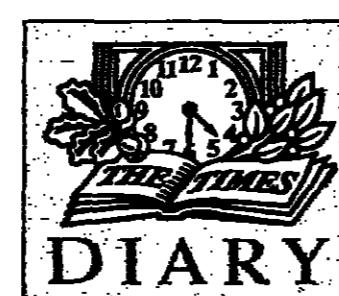
The main positive factors for the Tories are voters' continuing doubts about Labour's policies, and Mr Major's image of dogged decency. The most recent MORI poll for *The Times* ten days ago showed that the new Labour switchers, those who have swung behind Labour since 1992, are much more hostile to the Tories than convinced by Labour's ability to deliver on its promises.

These switchers like Mr Blair a lot, believe that Labour is more united and less extreme than it was in the 1980s and the Tories now are, but have doubts about the Opposition's economic policies. Hence, Mr Blair's repeated warnings against Labour complacency are well-based.

Mr Major is an asset to the Tories, if only in the sense that he is less unpopular than the Government. He is liked rather than respected but, perversely, his belief in fairness in policies could now be a strength. It brings out his stubborn streak, his desire to demonstrate to his critics that they are wrong. Mr Major has repeatedly shown that he can be an impressive fighter under pressure — in the 1992 general election, the 1994 Euro-elections and in last summer's leadership contest.

This determination, reinforced by the desire of ministers to hold on to office, may see the Government through the next 12 months. But it will almost certainly not be enough to save the election for the Tories in the face of all the strains of political ageing after so long in power. That may also be the fair verdict, even though Mr Major will never see it that way.

Brain drain



to its religious slot on *Today* were to be "rested", one of the programme's best-known presenters, the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, has also been dropped.

The bishop is *Thought for the Day*'s longest-serving presenter, having contributed regularly for 24 years. He joins Canon Philip Crowe, the former principal of Salisbury Theological College, the Ven George Austin, the Archdeacon of York, and Dr Leslie Griffiths, former president of the Methodist Conference, on the sub-study's bench.

David Coomes, the programme's producer, has told presenters that their scripts are too simplistic and too political. Bishop Harries, a former Dean of King's College, London, is puzzled. "It's frankly rather surprising," he says. "I do have some evidence that people like the more sophisticated approach that I try to take."

Today presenters such as John Humphrys are also surprised and Rachel Mawhood, of the listeners' pressure group Radio 4 Watch, is appalled. "They can't 'rest' him, that's ridiculous," she barks. "We'll

her readers: "She may be 95, but Dame Barbara is adored by thousands as an icon of romance," says Bailey. I understand that Candy Floss Cardigan may soon be endorsing additional beautifying products. My money's on false eyelashes next.

Cup of tears

THERE were signs of panic at Trinity College, Cambridge, last week when Imperial College,



They call it mud bank holiday disease

London won University Challenge. Trinity, which buzzed its way to victory last year, received an urgent request for the victor's trophy to be returned for the broadcast of the final on Wednesday. Nobody could find it.

Trinity quickly claimed that the cup had been sent back to Granada Television last November. Granada counter-claimed that Trinity still had the vessel, and flourished a college porter's signature of receipt as proof. The wretched thing was discovered in a Trinity storeroom and passed to the winners quicker than Jeremy Paxman could say: "Starter for ten."

• Moved by the plight of maledicted donkeys is Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, that she has donated a box of her monogrammed silver teaspoons to be auctioned for a Nottinghamshire donkey sanctuary.

Oh, Nicole!

ALL IS NOT WELL with the world of *Renaissance*, Nicole, star of the television advertisement and sweetheart to couch potatoes, is pinning for alternative employment after six years behind the wheel. In *GQ* magazine next month, Estelle Skornik bares her soul and much



Nicole bares her soul

of her body to suggest that she is fed up with playing Nicole. "I want proper work," she says grumpily, after admitting to endless auditions in Paris for weighty parts in the theatre. Most of all, she wants to appear in a gritty British film, "preferably a slice of dirty realism". Papa must be blowing his bonnet.

P.H.S



Resting: the Bishop of Oxford

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SOLOMON'S CHILD

English justice has a continuing duty toward Sifiso Mahlangu

The judgment of Solomon in the earliest recorded custody suit has a simple moral. It is that wisdom resides in giving absolute priority to the wellbeing of the child. That principle should embrace the case of Sifiso Mahlangu, the ten-year-old Zulu boy who has just been sent back to South Africa to live with his natural parents.

By comparison with this case, Solomon's task was admittedly simple. He had only to determine which was the real mother of the baby in question — the woman, as he demonstrated by offering to cut the child in two, who would rather give the child up than see it hurt. Today's most harrowing suits arise when natural parents have willingly given their children into the care of another, whether through agreeing to foster care or by signing adoption papers, and then change their minds. The law must then decide between competing claims, which cannot be biologically equal but which may each be compelling. Courts worldwide incline towards the natural parents' "property rights" in their offspring. With very small children, that may be the nearest the law can come to emulating Solomon. But if they are old enough to have formed tight bonds with their adoptive families, true justice resides in putting the child first. Nothing is more difficult than such decisions, because some degree of subjectivity is unavoidable.

Sifiso has the double misery of being fought over by two families and of being caught up in the politics of race and class. To many South Africans, he is a child "stolen" into a world of relative affluence from parents who would never have parted with him but for the injustice of apartheid, their own inability to pay for a good education for him and their fears that South Africa was heading towards civil war. The Mahlungus themselves undoubtedly want their son back now; but when he was less than two years old, they were happy for him to be reared in the house of Salome Stopford, the white woman who wants to adopt him, and Sifiso's

A BETTER SPAIN

Aznar succeeds the decadent Socialists

Spain, at long last, has a new Government. Its citizens have waited for over two months for a transfer of power — the elections took place on March 3 — but the tedious nature of the delay cannot obscure the powerful sense that today, Spanish democracy has finally reached maturity. José María Aznar is the country's new leader, replacing Felipe González, the seductive but profoundly flawed Socialist Prime Minister.

After 13 years of Socialist rule, Spain is in sore need of a political transfusion. The decadence of Señor González's seemingly interminable administration has spread to each and every institution of State. Although never found to have been personally dishonest, he permitted venality and corruption to thrive under his nose. Spain's economic modernisation in this period would have been more successful had the country not been prey to a card-carrying Socialist nomenklatura, accountable to no one, answerable to none. The arrival of Señor Aznar will not, of course, produce better government at once: he inherits from his predecessor one of the most inefficient economies in Europe, with an unemployment problem so severe that no "quick fix" could help. The most immediate difference will be noted, instead, in Spain's new political order.

With hindsight, Señor Aznar's failure to command an absolute majority in Parliament after the elections may prove to have been a blessing. With only 156 seats in a 350-member house, the conservative Popular Party (PP) was forced to search for allies. These, after two months of extremely tense

negotiation, it has found in the conservative Catalan and Basque nationalist parties. These parties, we have long argued, should always have been Señor Aznar's most natural allies. Instead, apparent historical differences between these proud regional parties and the "Castilian" PP were allowed to fester unchecked, obscuring their natural Christian Democrat and free market affinities.

Señor Aznar must now be congratulated for the pacts he has made with both parties, as should Jordi Pujol and Xabier Arzalluz, the Catalan and Basque leaders who have proved sophisticated enough to realise that Señor Aznar was inclined to do everything to assure Spanish citizens in the regions that their autonomous structures would be unharmed by a conservative Government in Madrid. The pacts recently concluded are radical, particularly in regard to a new fiscal relationship between Madrid and the regions. When implemented, these reforms should make Catalonia and the Basque country, as well as other regions, as close in nature to the German *länder* as the Spanish Constitution will permit.

Before Señor Aznar has had the opportunity to implement his promises on regional autonomy, it would be premature to say that Spain's conservative parties are now part of one, happy family. But on the evidence of these weeks of negotiation, the one European democracy in which the Right had appeared to be condemned to a state of perpetual opposition is today a place with better balance, better prospects and a better man at the helm.

BLESS THAT SOUL?

A Florentine fundamentalist is a bad bet for beatification

Of all the titles that Holy Mother Church can bestow on her sons there are none, save entry to the congregation of the saints, as noble as being "blessed". Beatification is an honour that should be jealously guarded and awarded only to those whose lives inspired admiration without equivocation. If the speculation in Rome is correct and a Dominican campaign sees the priggish, puritanical Renaissance zealot Girolamo Savonarola beatified on the 500th anniversary of his death, then it will be the most inappropriate elevation since Lord Kagan forsook his Gannex for ermire.

In so far as Savonarola's name is remembered, it is as the Ayatollah of his age. The Devil's advocate has an easy brief in arguing against him. Savonarola took Florence, then the world's most civilized city and, using the harshest Christian orthodoxy, turned it into a Thomist Teheran. His followers, Renaissance Revolutionary Guards, supervised the destruction of some of the city's finest art treasures and ornaments in the infamous "bonfire of the vanities". That the Roman Catholic church, which has so effectively brought God to man by image and allusion, should now beatify this enemy of the arts would be, at best, eccentric.

The Dominicans argue that Catholics should applaud Savonarola's zeal as a reformer and scourge of corruption, instead of allowing Protestants to take all the credit for exposing the excesses of the medieval Church. With Protestantism sweeping through South America and other areas

once staunch for Rome, the Dominicans' anxiety is understandable. But the Dominicans cannot remain within the bosom of the Catholic family and also take retrospective credit for the Reformation. They cannot have their wafer and eat it.

Lobbying for their lost leaders is standard practice among the competing Catholic organisations and in pressing Savonarola's claim the Dominicans are no worse than *Opus Dei*, who have campaigned for the beatification of their founder, the Spanish priest Josemaría Escrivá. Like Savonarola, he was an authoritarian who was happy to see a foreign power help usurp legitimate rule to advance his religious ambitions. While Savonarola benefited from the French invasion of Florence, so Escrivá's organisation flourished after Germany and Italy intervened in Franco's civil war. Rome must be wary lest beatification become the mark of its agents who intriguing with foreign princes against the rightful ruler.

Ultimately, it is not in Rome's interest to beatify a martyr so astutely intolerant as Savonarola. The present Pope's sunny demeanour should not be obscured by the cowled countenance of this joyless fundamentalist. Savonarola, while still a teenager, railed against the blind wickedness of the people of Italy for enjoying poetry. Rome would be wiser to beatify those who have brought man to God through pleasure, not least in poetry. Chaucer and even Chesterton, both humorous and humanly holy, are better bets for blessing.

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Judicial discretion in public speaking

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Sir, Your leader "Blame in Justice" (May 4), on the career of Lord Taylor of Gosforth as Lord Chief Justice, states that there have been criticisms of the "Taylor glasnost" and goes on to say that I had counselled caution. I would be sorry if this gave the impression that I was not one of Lord Taylor's strongest supporters.

As Lord Taylor himself pointed out in a recent lecture (report, April 16), the judiciary needs to exercise a considerable degree of discretion in deciding when to speak publicly, on what subject and on what occasion. One, but not the only, reason for this is that there is, and will always be, an important place for the process of private consultation favoured by Lord Taylor of Waddington.

The architect of judicial glasnost was not in fact Lord Taylor but the present Lord Chancellor, who withdrew the Kilnmuir advice that silence outside court was the key to a reputation for wisdom. If this advice ever made sense, it certainly does not do so in a modern context. Lord Taylor therefore was right to mark his assumption of office by holding a press conference.

However, in my view, the Lord Chief Justice has a constitutional duty to warn both public and Parliament if policies are being proposed which, in his professional view and that of the judiciary, will not achieve the stated objectives or will disrupt the delicate balance between an independent judiciary and the executive. This Lord Taylor has done. That this has given rise to a backlash from Conservative critics in Parliament and press is an occupational hazard which, if unavoidable, fails to be ignored.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. DONALDSON
(Master of the Rolls, 1982-92).
House of Lords.
May 5.

Local elections

From the Chairman of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations

Sir, Amidst all the column inches written on the local government election results three points have been neglected that had particularly struck those of us who have in recent weeks spent a good deal of time "on the knocker".

First, the Conservative share of the vote is up some 3 per cent on last year's figure of 24.5 per cent. In that sense, the slow but steady revival in our fortunes, which is matched by the results of local government by-elections, continues.

Second, our members remain steadfast in their support for the Prime Minister and, judging by reactions on the doorstep, he remains very popular in the country at large.

Third, nowhere was there any evidence of enthusiasm for the new, eratic, repackaged Labour Party. It is a sham and, in their heart of hearts, the voters know it.

The above represents all the necessary ingredients for a Conservative general election victory. The issue is whether the party has the confidence to grasp this opportunity and, acting in a unified fashion, will now focus its efforts on exposing the failings of our opponents.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN HODGSON,
Chairman,
National Union of Conservative
and Unionist Associations.
32 Smith Square, SW1.
May 3.

In a spin

From Mr Peter J. Coster

Sir, Why is it that the coiled lead to my telephone insists on changing polarity at frequent intervals along its length, achieving what its designer presumably set out to eliminate, namely a twisted tangle of wires that embraces all within its reach?

Is there some unusual feature of the earth's magnetic field beneath North Cornwall? Or have British Telecom invented the self-tying knot?

I think we should be told.

Yours sincerely,
PETER J. COSTER,
Penbogget Farm, Pendoggen,
St Kew, Bodmin, North Cornwall.
May 4.

Intensive farming

From the Chief Executive of the British Poultry Meat Federation

Sir, The feature article, "Short lives in the broiler house" (April 30), together with the accompanying photograph, seriously misrepresent welfare in today's British poultry industry. The photograph depicts a caged, beak-trimmed bird which has nothing to do with the way intensively-reared broiler chickens and turkeys are treated.

There is no evidence for Juliet Gelley's glib assertion that the vast majority of broiler chickens in Britain endure broken bones, deformities, heart disease and ammonia burns. Apart from compassionate considerations, such wholly bad conditions would quickly bankrupt any company.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New uses for redundant air bases

From Councillor Andy Smith

Sir, Libby Purves has made a good point about government's wider responsibility for such valuable but derelict sites as the old Bentwaters USAF base ("Base uses of Bentwaters", April 30).

As Tory planning spokesman on the district council I am not sure I recognise the reference to Clochmere, but it is true we have here a local example of a national problem. The so-called peace dividend involved in the abandonment of a base more often means lost jobs and derelict sites and is a hard nut to crack, not helped by the MoD's stance.

She suggests that our MP, John Gummer, is out of step with us "rural Conservatives". Not so. A local (farmer) Tory councillor, Ray Herring, has led the fight to get development moving, and our group on the council energetically opposed its rejection of flimsy "environmental" grounds by Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

We, in contrast, believe that the removal of concrete aircraft shelters and runways is well worth the intrusion of a holiday village. Furthermore, the proposed development as a whole will provide jobs and community facilities sorely needed to reverse the decline in the rural economy.

Yours faithfully,
ANDY SMITH,
The Porch, 15 Foxglove Lane,
Felixstowe, Suffolk.
May 1.

From Mr Peter Padfield

Sir, Libby Purves rightly asks why the Ministry of Defence should take all the peace dividend for itself.

On February 9 the three party leaders wrote to your newspaper pledging support for the English countryside in the Council for Rural England's 70th

anniversary year and expressing unanimity that "necessary development can and should be directed with thoughtful and scrupulous attention to the charm of our countryside". In view of this I would ask why such a peace dividend should not be extracted from the countryside of Suffolk, Oxfordshire, Lincolnshire, or wherever an air base has been declared redundant.

This policy will decrease rural tranquility, wildlife habitat and ecological diversity: Bentwaters, for instance, is set in the important area of Suffolk sandstone heaths, which has already suffered erosion by development.

Yours faithfully,
PETER PADFIELD,
Westmoreland Cottage,
Drybridge Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
April 30.

From Mr Dan Pilar

Sir, Libby Purves has as usual hit the nail squarely on the head, bringing to the issue the added insight of a nearby resident:

It is not just at Bentwaters that the MoD should look beyond immediate profit. Government should accept responsibility for the environment by returning land used for national defence to what it was before it was developed.

It is this society's view that the amenities and employment needed by the local community can and should be provided without further damage to the countryside and surrounding villages. If the MoD had not been out for maximum profit this could have happened long ago.

Yours faithfully,
D. PILLAR (Chairman,
Suffolk Preservation Society).
Little Hall, Market Place,
Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk.
May 3.

Church archaeology

From the Director of the Oxford Archaeological Unit

Sir, Christopher Blake (letter, May 2) bemoans the requirement to carry out archaeological investigation at Charlbury Church. In most English towns and villages the parish church is not only a centre of spirituality, it is usually the most historic building in the community.

Charbury Church is of more than general interest as it is probably an Anglo-Saxon minster church where Bede implies the bones of the Irish missionary to the Mercians, Saint Diuina, were interred. It has been suggested that the present church originated as a 7th-century Irish monasteries.

In recent years there has been a proliferation of lavatories and meeting rooms in, beneath or attached to ancient churches which represent a major threat to any archaeological remains.

The Church of England has exemption from secular listed building control and, in return, it is the Church's policy to ensure that archaeological evidence is not destroyed in the course of modern development or restoration. Consequently a faculty for work may include an archaeological condition. The responsibility for implementing this lies with the parochial church council.

I sympathise with Mr Blake's frus-

tration, but archaeologists, like clergy and architects, have to be paid for their services. The cost for such essential work falls on already heavily-burdened parishes. Unfortunately there is, at present, little or no assistance from central government or from the lottery.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MILES, Director,
Oxford Archaeological Unit,
46 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford.
May 3.

From Mr Andrew Selkirk

Sir, I am sorry that Mr Christopher Blake feels unhappy that professional archaeologists charged £1,600 to carry out excavations in his local church.

Numerous skilled and competent amateur archaeological societies would be willing and able to carry out excavations for churches and other charitable bodies for nothing provided their volunteers could work in their own time, usually at weekends. Obviously, where major engineering work is involved, it is necessary to bring in the professionals.

This council can advise on such work and recommend suitable amateur bodies.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW SELKIRK
(Chairman, Council for
Independent Archaeology).
9 Nassington Road, NW3.
May 3.

Rail privatisation

From Mr Peter G. Embrey

Sir, The reports you carried on April 30 concerning the memorial service for the late Sir Robert Stephens confirm that these occasions can be quite a hoot and very much the place to be. Does anyone ever say a prayer?

Yours faithfully,

DENIS CHRISTIAN,
37 Swanscombe Road, Chiswick, W4.
May 1.

Good send-off

From Mr Denis Christian

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Yours faithfully,

BIGIT BARLOW,
Elbrook House,
Ashwell, Baldock, Hertfordshire.
May 3.

From Mrs Brigit Barlow

Sir, On the weather page why "Hours of darkness" and not the more cheerful "Hours of light"?

Yours faithfully,
PETER G. EMBREY,
19 Edith Road, Barons Court, W14.
May 3.

Other health aspects in the article were also grossly exaggerated. Breeders have been selecting for leg strength and cardiovascular development for several years, and these disorders have been largely overcome in modern broiler flocks.

Neither broiler chickens nor turkeys are caged, but are reared on straw-littered floors of large barns. They have the freedom to forage, with easy access to feed and water. It is wrong to give the impression that all poultry houses are airless: sophisticated ventilation systems control airflow and humidity levels and ensure an abundance of fresh air, which keeps the birds healthy and the litter in good condition. Where necessary, litter is topped up during the rearing period.

Lighting patterns, different from the 23 hours of light mentioned and based on most recent scientific studies, are increasingly being used to encourage periods of exercise and rest.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BRADNOCK,
Chief Executive,
British Poultry Meat Federation



SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Sir John Arnold, former President of the Family Division, 81; Sir the Marquess of Bath, 64; General Sir Jeremy Blacker, 77; Mr Tony Blair, MP, Leader of the Labour Party, 43.

The Earl of Caledon, 41; Mr Roy Cooke, former director, Coventry School Foundation, 66; Professor Rosemary Cramp, archaeologist, 67; Miss Carol Ellis, QC, Editor, *The Law Reports*, 67.

Sir Frank Ercast, former Baillie of Jersay, 77; Mr Robert Fell, former chief executive, Stock Ex-

The sky at night in May

BY MICHAEL J. HENDRIE
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MERCURY starts the month as an evening star reaching inferior conjunction on the 15th, after which it moves into the morning sky but remains too close to the Sun for observation.

Venus sets 3½ hours after the Sun on the 1st, reaching greatest brilliancy (–4.6 magnitude) on the 4th but then moves quickly towards the horizon, setting only an hour after the Sun by the 31st. Crescent Moon to the south on the 19th–20th.

Mars remains near the Sun in the morning sky rising less than an hour before the Sun, and will not be observable.

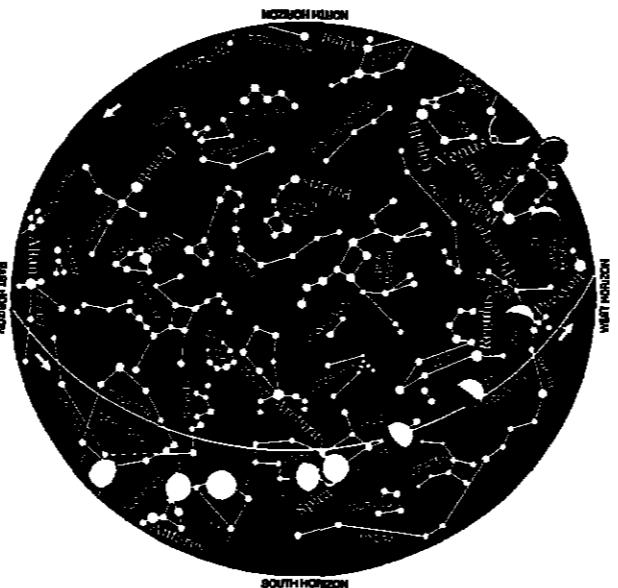
Jupiter reaches a stationary point on the 4th and then retrogrades slowly through Sagittarius as it moves towards opposition in July. The 2.5-magnitude planet rises by 22h 30m late in the month.

Moon to the north on the 7th. Saturn is in Pisces and 1.0 magnitude, rising about 01h 30m by the 31st. Moon to the north on the 13th.

Uranus is in Capricornus rising just before midnight at the end of the month. At 5.7 magnitude it may be just visible to the naked eye under good conditions but requires binoculars and a chart showing fainter stars for identification.

Moon to the north on the 8th–9th. Neptune is in Sagittarius rising 30m before Uranus and at 5.0 magnitude always requires binoculars or a telescope and a suitable chart.

At the time of our May chart, Ursa Major with its principal seven stars forming the Plough, is a little to the west of the zenith and not where we so often notice it, near the northern horizon early on a winter's evening. It looks so much smaller overhead than when near the horizon, an illusion common to all constellations, the Sun and Moon. From the tail of the Great Bear or handle of the Plough Arcturus, the brightest star in Bootes (the Herdsman),



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11pm) at the beginning, 22h (10pm) in the middle, and 21h 19pm at the end of the month, local apparent time. The diagram applies to later than the above by one hour for each 15 degrees west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map is given for the 'mean time' of the month. The circle of stars 90 degrees around the circle is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as 'Universal Time' and expressed in 24h, is given in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

ly articles are necessarily small and show mainly the brighter stars, though to conserve the shapes of the constellation figures, some fainter naked eye stars have to be included. On this scale it is difficult to show adequately the differences in brightness between the stars. Only three different sizes of star disc have to make do for a range of five magnitudes, a hundredfold range in brightness.

It is well known that following the two western stars in the Plough "upwards" points to Polaris, the 2nd magnitude pole star only a degree from the north pole of the sky, around which all the stars appear to revolve. Following these two stars, known as "the pointers" in the other direction takes you to Regulus, the brightest star in Leo (the Lion). The tail of the Lion marked by the 2nd magnitude star Denebola points towards Spica, the brightest star in Virgo (the Virgin).

At this time of the year four bright stars lie in a line above the northwestern horizon, not always easy to see because of summer twilight. From Capella they are Castor, Pollux and Procyon in the west. Joining

them this month, but lower down, will be brilliant Venus.

Above the eastern horizon lie three bright stars, Deneb in Cygnus (the Swan), Vega in Lyra (the Lyre) and Altair in Aquila (the Eagle). These are better seen at this hour later in the year. In this part of the sky some large but rather poorly defined constellations, Hercules lies between Vega and Corona Borealis (Northern Crown), a small constellation but not easily missed.

The four stars forming the "keystone" are the place to start in trying to trace out Hercules. The large constellation Ophiuchus (Serpent-Bearer) and Serpens (the Serpent) have no particularly bright stars, but skimming the southeastern horizon is Antares (the "anti-Mars" because of its red colour) in the constellation Scorpius (shown on some charts as Scropio, the Scorpion). The stars forming the tail of the Scorpion above Antares can be seen on a clear night.

Sagittarius (the Archer) and Scorpio lie towards the brightest parts of the Milky Way while Ophiuchus contains some of the most interesting bright nebulae and dark dust lanes which were originally thought to be gaps in the clouds of faint stars. The absence of stars is now known to be due to dust obscuration.

Small modern binoculars give, in a dark sky, a far better view of the Milky Way than Galileo could have had when he first turned his small telescope, with its narrow field of view, towards it in 1610.

Comet Hyakutake was at its

most spectacular about March 25 for those lucky enough to have dark clear skies.

Reaching a magnitude of 0 to 1, tail lengths up to 40 degrees were reported. Soon after, bright moonlight spoilt the view until April 5, after which skies were often poor in the UK as the comet faded to 3rd magnitude by the 17th when binoculars still showed at least 8 degrees of tail. A fuller report will be given in the June Night Sky.

Marriages

Sir John Stokes
and Mrs F.J.S. Packham

Mr N.J.D. Thomas
and Miss C.L. Fraser

The marriage took place on

Saturday, May 4, 1996, in Cheshire, of Nigel John David, only son

of Mr and Mrs Philip John David

Thomas, of Godstone, Surrey, to

Clair Louise, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Shaun Michael Fraser, of

Witton, Cheshire.

Mr P.A.C. Coombs
and Miss C.J.L. Urquhart

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George Ermi, second son of Mr

and Mrs Eric Feasey, of Heywood,

Lancashire, and Jane, youngest

daughter of Mr and Mrs David

Grummet, of Barnstead, Surrey.

Mr J.F.T. Hare
and Miss A.M.L. Moore

The engagement is announced

between Paul, only son of Mr

and Mrs Christopher Hare, of

Crediton, Devon, and Arla, elder

daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth

Moore, of Grindleford, Derbyshire.

Mr A. Heading
and Miss A. Soley

The engagement is announced

between Andrew, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs James Heading, of

Ashover, Derbyshire, and

Amelia, daughter of Mr and Mrs

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andre Massena, Marquis de France, 1732; Marie Louise de Rohan, French Revolutionist, 1789; Mary Martha Sherwood, writer, Stanfield, Worcestershire, 1778; Sigmund Freud, psychoanalyst, Freiberg (Prussia, Czechoslovakia), 1856; Robert Peary, Arctic explorer, 1850.

Luis Drago, statesman and writer, Buenos Aires, 1859; Stanley Morison, typographer and historian, 1928; George Eastman, 1854; Harry Martyn, poet and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1940.

Peter Minuit, a Dutch settler, bought Manhattan Island from Indians for trinkets worth about \$25, 1626.

Lord Frederick Cavendish and T.H. Burke were murdered by Fenians in Phoenix Park, Dublin, 1862.

The accession of George V, 1910. The German airship Hindenburg exploded on landing at New Jersey, killing 33 of those on board, 1937.

Roger Bannister ran a mile in less than four minutes at the Iffley Road track in Oxford, 1954.

jar Microbiology at the University of Kent in Canterbury, in a Chair in Microbiology.

D.R.E. Hayes, Senior Clinical Research Fellow and Honorary Consultant in Medical Oncology at the MRC Centre and Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, in the Chair of Oncology.

Professor David Mant to an Honorary Chair in Primary Care Epidemiology. Professor Mant is giving up his Chair at Southampton on taking up his post as Head of NHS Research and Development for the Region (South and West) to facilitate the liaison between the NHS research and development programme and the work of the university's Department of Social Medicine.

Bristol University

Appointments:

Professor Robert Katz, currently attached to the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois, to be Visiting Industrial Professor in the School for Policy Studies.

Professor A.D. King, currently Professor of Art History and of Sociology, Bingham University, New York, to be Visiting Industrial Professor in the Department of Geography.

Ms T. Paper, currently Research Director at MORI, to be Visiting Industrial Professor in the School for Policy Studies.

Professor P. Williams, currently Deputy Secretary and Head of Research and External Affairs, Building Societies Association/Council of Mortgage Lenders, to be Visiting Industrial Professor in the School for Policy Studies.

Dr J.L. Cowpe, Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Wales, College of Medicine, to the Chair in Oral Surgery.

Dr T.R. Hirst, Reader in Molecular

Archaeology news

Cash cuts close digs archive

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGICAL CORRESPONDENT

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hensively described by drawings, photographs and descriptions of the sites and their excavations.

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OBITUARIES

TIM GULLIKSON

Tim Gullikson, former tennis player and coach, died from brain cancer in Wheaton, Illinois, on May 3 aged 44. He was born on September 1, 1951.

ALTHOUGH he had a more than respectable career as a singles player, and once reached the Wimbledon doubles final with his twin brother Tom, it is as a coach that Tim Gullikson will be best remembered. Mary Jo Fernandez, Barbara Potter and Aaron Krickstein were among the names he guided on their tennis careers, but he is most associated with the phenomenal success of Pete Sampras. Under Gullikson's coaching Sampras had been the world No 1 three years in a row and had won three successive Wimbledon singles titles. Gullikson's power to inspire Sampras was never shown more markedly than it was in the Australian Open last year, after it had been diagnosed that he was suffering from a cluster of brain tumours. Gullikson was not able to be at the courtside to encourage his protégé, since he had been flown home to Chicago, where the diagnosis was made. And for two sets in the quarter-final against the powerful Jim Courier, it looked as if the World No 1, distraught by the news of his coach's illness, was certain to crash out of the championship. But when a voice from the crowd screamed "Win this one for Tim", Sampras's performance was transformed. Fighting back tears between games, he battled on to win a tough five-setter 6-7, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, dedicating his victory to his absent mentor.

Tim Gullikson was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, a few minutes after his identical twin brother Tom. Both men went to Northern Illinois University, where Tim took a degree in physical education. This gave him an interest in the interplay between the mental and physical aspects of the game that was to become one of his great strengths as a coach, after his playing days were over.

From their earliest days the twins played tennis together and soon developed into one of the most promising doubles pairs on the junior circuit. Tim being the right-handed partner of the duo. Determined to make a career as a professional, he supported himself by giving tennis lessons to all takers. It was not long before he broke on to the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) circuit. Together, the brothers established a reputation as one of the



Tim, right, and Tom Gullikson as doubles partners in 1978

best doubles pairs on the circuit during the 1970s and 1980s, winning ten titles together. Tim won a further six doubles titles with partners other than his brother.

On the international circuit the pair's best effort was to reach the doubles final at Wimbledon in 1983, after beating Kevin Curren and Steve Denton in a thrilling and closely-fought semi-final. In the event they were beaten for the title by John McEnroe and Peter Fleming. But it was the first time in this century that twins had appeared in a Wimbledon

doubles final (Herbert and Wifred Baddeley of Britain had contested the 1897 final in a much less competitive era), and the brothers were highly popular with the crowd.

Tim Gullikson also developed a creditable singles career, winning four titles and reaching a career-best world ranking of 18th in 1978. But perhaps his most memorable achievement was to dispose of the explosive rising star John McEnroe in a match for a place in the quarter final at Wimbledon in 1979.

In 1986 he gave up playing fulltime and made a successful transition to

coaching. Besides getting a number of younger players on course in their careers he was asked for his services by Martina Navratilova, who had by that stage already established herself as one of the greatest players in the game's history.

Although he had one US Open under his belt, Pete Sampras was ranked only sixth in the world when he approached Gullikson in 1992 and asked him to be his fulltime coach. In Sampras, Gullikson found an ideal field for the tennis theories he had evolved during his university days and practised on the court in the following years. He taught his young protégé much about stroke strategy, though he forbore to interfere with Sampras's peerless serve. But perhaps his most important contribution to Sampras's subsequent success was to work on his psychology, to fire him with the passion to win and to enable him to hold together under the immense pressures of the big occasion. Within a year, Sampras, still then only 21, had become, unassailably, the world's top player. He was to be the ATP's No 1 for the next three years.

Alas, this highly-effective partnership was not to be permitted to last. In 1994, while on tour with Sampras in Europe, Gullikson blacked out in his hotel room in Stockholm, severely gashing his face on the edge of a desk as he fell to the floor. It was discovered that he had suffered a stroke, and it was to be followed by others. But the cause remained a mystery after intensive tests.

Gullikson insisted on going to Australia in January 1995 to help Sampras to defend his Open title, but collapsed again during the competition. After further tests conducted in Melbourne proved inconclusive he was compelled to return to Chicago, where cancer was eventually diagnosed. Nevertheless he continued to keep in touch with Sampras on the phone, while leaving day-to-day training in the hands of a mutual friend, the former professional Paul Annaccone.

Gullikson's last official appearance in the coaching chair was at Las Vegas last year at the Davis Cup semifinals between the US and Sweden. His presence on that occasion gave a tremendous psychological boost, not only to Sampras, but to his own brother Tom, who was the American Davis Cup team captain.

Tim Gullikson is survived by his wife Rosemary, and by a young son and daughter.

KEVIN KEOHANE

Kevin Keohane, CBE, Rector of Roehampton Institute of Higher Education, 1976-88, died on April 13 aged 73. He was born on February 28, 1923.



Kevin Keohane was for thirty years one of the leading figures in British education. His two principal achievements were the creation of the Centre for Science and Mathematics Education at Chelsea College, the first such centre in the country, and the establishment of the Roehampton Institute. But his influence over and involvement with scientific and educational affairs spread far wider than these two institutions.

Kevin William Keohane was born in Portsmouth of an Irish Catholic family. He was brought up in Kent where his father, a marine engineer with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service, had been posted after the First World War. He was educated at Borden Grammar School, where he held a scholarship, and in 1941 secured entry to Bristol University, to study physics.

Under the wartime regulations he was called up when he had completed two years of his degree course. He was commissioned into the RAF, where he was involved in the development of radar installations, and was posted to India. On demobilisation he returned to Bristol, completing his degree in 1947. He was appointed first to a research post working on the optics of the eye and subsequently to a lectureship, gaining his doctorate during this time.

In 1959 he went to Chelsea College as Reader in Biophysics, becoming Professor of Physics in 1965. However he was increasingly concerned about science and mathematics education in schools and accepted the post of co-ordinator of the Nuffield Foundation's Science Teaching Project in 1966. From this base he was

able to realise an ambitious vision when London University set up at Chelsea the first Chair of Science Education in this country. He was elected the first holder and from this base created the Chelsea Centre for Science and Mathematics Education and became its first director.

Keohane retired from the Roehampton Institute in 1988, but continued to work with energy and enthusiasm in two ways. First, it gave prominence and status to the academic and practical study of science and mathematics in education. Secondly, it set up a new style of teacher training courses. In both these respects Chelsea was well ahead of its time and it came to be imitated by education departments in many other universities, both in Britain and overseas. In recognition of this work Keohane was appointed CBE in 1976.

He left Chelsea in that same year to become the first Rector of the new Roehampton Institute. This was a challenge which required all of his optimism, energy and tact. The new institute was to be a federation of four independent colleges, three with different religious foundations, one with none, and each with its

MIKE LEANDER

Mike Leander, pop music composer and producer, died from cancer on April 18 aged 54. He was born on June 30, 1941.



MIKE LEANDER may have been a respected composer and producer in the music industry. But to most rock fans, he will always be the man who launched that eccentrically evergreen pop musician Gary Glitter. He also wrote most of Glitter's hit songs. When Leander first heard Paul Raven (as Glitter was then known) in 1965, Raven was working as a warm-up act for established bands. But Leander recognised that Raven had at least as much talent as the acts which followed him, and set about trying to develop it.

After a few abortive suggestions (Turk Thrust, Terry Tinsel) they decided together on the stage name of Gary Glitter, and then worked on Glitter's wonderfully camp stage image: the shoulder pads of an American footballer, the dangerously stacked high heels and the electric-shock hairstyle.

Glitter and Leander shut themselves away in a studio to work out some original material and emerged, 24 exhausting hours later, with Rock and Roll, Glitter's first single. A stream of co-written songs followed in the early 1970s: I Didn't Know I Loved You (Till I Saw You Rock and Roll), Oh Yes You're Beautiful, I Love You Love Me Love and I'm the Leader of the Gang (I Am). While generations of "serious" rock artists have come and gone, Glitter still plays these songs to packed houses, and has sold about 30 million of his singles.

The Gary Glitter phenomenon was Leander's most public success, but his career ranged widely across the musical spectrum. He was ubiquitous on the music scene of the Swinging Sixties in London. He courted a glamorous model, Penny Carter, who became his wife in 1974 (Glitter was Leander's best man and wore a comparatively restrained black velvet suit to the wedding). Leander hated to leave the centre of London and much of his recording was done at a small studio in South Molton Street.

Leander won numerous awards for his compositions and arrangements, and had it not been for his inherent laziness, he would have left a far larger body of music behind. Other than music, his passion in life was cricket and he was a proud member of the MCC. Leander said that he would have traded all of his talent as a musician to open for England, except of course that he would never have made the effort to run.

Michael Farr, as he was known before he changed his name, was educated at a small private school. He played drums, guitar and piano as a boy, and gave up his legal studies which he found dull to study composition at the Trinity College of Music in

London. At 20, after studio work with the Rolling Stones, Andrew Oldham and Phil Spector, he joined Decca Records as musical director. Here he merged his love of classical and pop music to create a new, influential style of arranging. It was heard to best effect in the rich string arrangement which introduced the Lennon and McCartney song She's Leaving Home, from the Sergeant Pepper album.

The list of artists Leander wrote for and produced in the 1960s included just about every fashionable name in music: Marianne Faithfull, Joe Cocker, Alan Price, Shirley Bassey, Lulu, Roy Orbison and Gene Pitney. In America in 1964, working with Atlantic, he worked with the Drifters, giving them a number one hit with Under The Boardwalk.

He made an effortless transition to the new fashions of the 1970s. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice invited him to be executive producer on the concept album Jesus Christ Superstar, and later he made a soundtrack album for Godspell. He composed film music for Privilege and Run A Crooked Mile, but considered the work too time consuming compared to the world of pop.

At the end of the 1970s Leander retired with his family to Majorca. His love of Spain resulted in a musical, Matador, which was produced in the West End in 1991. But while the critics found some aspects admirable, it fared badly at the box office, mostly because of the effects on tourism of the Gulf War. Leander bounced back in 1994 with the launch of a series of audio tapes featuring actors reading erotic selections from Henry Miller and the Kama Sutra.

He is survived by his wife Penny and by their two sons.

CECILIA GILLIE

Cecilia Gillie, Paris Representative of the BBC, 1947-67, died in Warsaw on April 20 aged 88. She was born on August 18, 1907.



As events turned out, the operation was short-lived. Back in London in the dark days of June and July 1940, Cecilia Reeves was made Senior Talks Assistant in the BBC's French Service, bringing together a team of French broadcasters and journalists to handle the necessary expansion of the service. That was the start of one of the most remarkable and effective wartime propaganda operations ever mounted.

Peter Pooley, the founding editor of Radio Newsreel, who had a wide knowledge of the theatre, had put her in touch with Michel Saint-Denis, a French stage director who had worked in the theatre in London in the Thirties and, as a French liaison officer with the British Expeditionary Force, had been evacuated to England from Dunkirk. Saint-Denis had resolved to continue the fight from England. Having rejected a British commission and suspicious of de Gaulle, he welcomed Reeve's suggestion that he should come to work for the BBC French Service.

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It was an inspired move, which led to the creation of a nightly broadcast entitled Les Français parlent aux Français, using a flexible, multi-voiced formula which owed something to the American informal style first witnessed by Reeves through her earlier contacts with Ed Murrow.

For four years Saint-Denis, under his nom de guerre of Jacques Duchesne, presided over a brilliant team which included, among others, Jean Marin, later Director-General of Agence France-Presse, a young journalist called Pierre Maillaud, broadcasting under the assumed name of Pierre

Bourdan, a painter, Jean Oberle, described by Saint-Denis as "the last of the boulevardiers", and Maurice van Mopps, who had worked for the French satirical magazine Crapouillot. Using typically Gallic wit, sarcasm, and derision, undaunted in their determination to broadcast the truth however grim, but always pleading convincingly the cause of hope and patience, they succeeded in gaining the confidence of the sceptical and prostrate French public so that when hope of eventual victory first dawned, after Stalingrad and Alamein, the BBC was implicitly believed. As one French Resistance leader put it: "Les Français parlent aux Français" were the words which, in the silence of occupation, when every mouth was gagged,

helped the French to surmount the lies of the enemy and saved them from despair."

The man ultimately in charge of the BBC's French broadcasts from 1940 to 1944 was Darsie Gillie, who had been the *Morning Post* correspondent in Warsaw and had moved to Paris to work for the *Manchester Guardian* after the fall of Poland. He and Cecilia Reeves were close colleagues throughout those years and they were to marry in 1955. By that time she had been the BBC's Paris Representative for eight years, a post she retained in various guises until her retirement in 1967.

Those postwar years saw a

much increased interest in French cultural life on the part of BBC Radio, with the newly-created Third Programme

providing an outlet for many distinguished French voices. This owed much to Cecilia Reeves's unparalleled network of contacts among French intellectuals, journalists and politicians, who willingly came to the studios on the Avenue Hoche to make their contribution to Anglo-French understanding.

Cecilia and Darsie Gillie moved to the Provencal village of Mirabeau, close to the river Durance, after her retirement. *La Maison derrière l'Eglise*, as their home was called, became a place of pilgrimage for many friends, both French and British, and many will remember the great, dark barn-like room where Darsie Gillie's huge library had been installed. By then Gillie had been incapacitated by a stroke. He died in 1972.

Cecilia stayed on at Mirabeau, a singular figure widely known among the locals as *la dame anglaise*, hospitably receiving family and friends, gardening and writing – her account of the BBC's French Service in wartime and, much to everyone's surprise, a cookery book.

Shortly after Easter 1987, as she was about to record a lengthy filmed interview for BBC Television Archives, she suffered a severe stroke, followed by several others. A Polish friend, Stanislaw ("Stash") Pruszkowski, whom she and her husband had helped, and unofficially adopted, after he escaped from Poland in 1953, saw to it that she was comfortably looked after at Mirabeau. Last year she was flown on a stretcher to Warsaw, where she spent her last days, cared for by "Stash" and his wife. She died exactly nine years after her first stroke.

The arrest took place about 1 o'clock this morning in the camp near Jalalpur. The District Magistrate, accompanied by police, arrested Mr Gandhi, who, after brushing his teeth, asked what was the charge under which he was being arrested. The Magistrate then read a warrant directing that Mr Gandhi be placed under restraint under Regulation 25 of 1827. Before leaving the camp Mr Gandhi handed over a letter which he had written to the Viceroy, saying "Goodbye" to his volunteers, and left in a motor-lorry. He was then put on a train between two stations, and about 6.30 the train was stopped near Borivali, a station about

that, while Mr Gandhi has continued to deplore these outbreaks of violence, his protests against his unruly followers' conduct have become weaker and weaker, and it is evident that he is unable to control them. The note describes the effects of the social boycott on the administration and on private persons loyal to the Government, and then refers to Mr Gandhi's incitement to withhold payment of the land revenue and his threat to raid salt which is the property of salt manufacturers, not of the Government.

The Bombay Government have ever since Mr Gandhi left his Ashram at Ahmedabad, pursued a policy of the utmost toleration. They have been content to risk the accusation of weakness in the firm conviction that the attack on the Salt Laws, if violence were excluded from the methods by which it was conducted, must before long come to a peaceful ending. Events have shown that Nature's laws are inexorable, and that the history of the earlier non-cooperation movements, with its accompaniments of blood and fire, would repeat itself if Mr Gandhi's campaign were allowed to continue unchecked.

"In these circumstances the Bombay Government of India concluded it was no longer possible to allow Mr Gandhi to remain at large without danger to India's tranquillity."

Church appointments

Devises St John and St Mary: to be Team Vicar, Wycombe Team Ministry, responsible for St Anne and St George, Sands (Oxford).

The Rev Peter Boulton-Lea, Rector, Kirk Sandall w Edensor: to be Team Vicar, Campsall, Doncaster and resign as Rural Dean of Doncaster (Sheffield).

Canon Paul Bunday, permission to officiate, Chalke deanery (Salisbury): to be a Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Rev Ivan Butcher, Curate, Great Corsham (Bristol): to be Team Vicar, Overbury w Tewdington, Alstone and Little Washbourne, Bedford and Ashton-under-Hill (Worcester).

The Rev David Cameron, Curate, Guildford Holy Trinity w St Martin (Guildford): now Vicar, Fenton (Lichfield).

The Rev Brian Camp, Team Vicar, Halesowen Team Ministry (West Midlands): to be Priest-in-charge, Birmingham Cathedral (Birmingham).

The Rev Hilary Hotchin, Assistant Curate, Handsworth, Sheffield: to be Team Vicar, Malton, Rothwell (Sheffield).

The Rev James Curry, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Four Oaks: to

THE ARREST OF MR. GANDHI

FOLLOWERS OUT OF CONTROL

(From Our Own Correspondent)

BOMBAY, May 5
The arrangements for Mr Gandhi's arrest and removal to Poona this morning had been carefully planned and were most efficiently carried out, with the result that, although rumours of his coming arrest had been plentiful, the general public of Bombay did not suspect what had been done until Mr Gandhi was nearly in Poona.

ON THIS DAY

May 6, 1930

Mr Gandhi's fast

Beginning in 1920, Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) led a campaign of non-cooperation with the British in India, followed by one of civil disobedience for which he was often imprisoned

He is reported to have arrived there in excellent health and spirits, and to have expressed his gratitude for the arrangements made for his comfort on the journey... The Bombay Government has issued a Press Note giving the reasons for Mr Gandhi's arrest.

After referring to the grave disturbances which inevitably followed the beginning of the civil disobedience campaign, the note says

